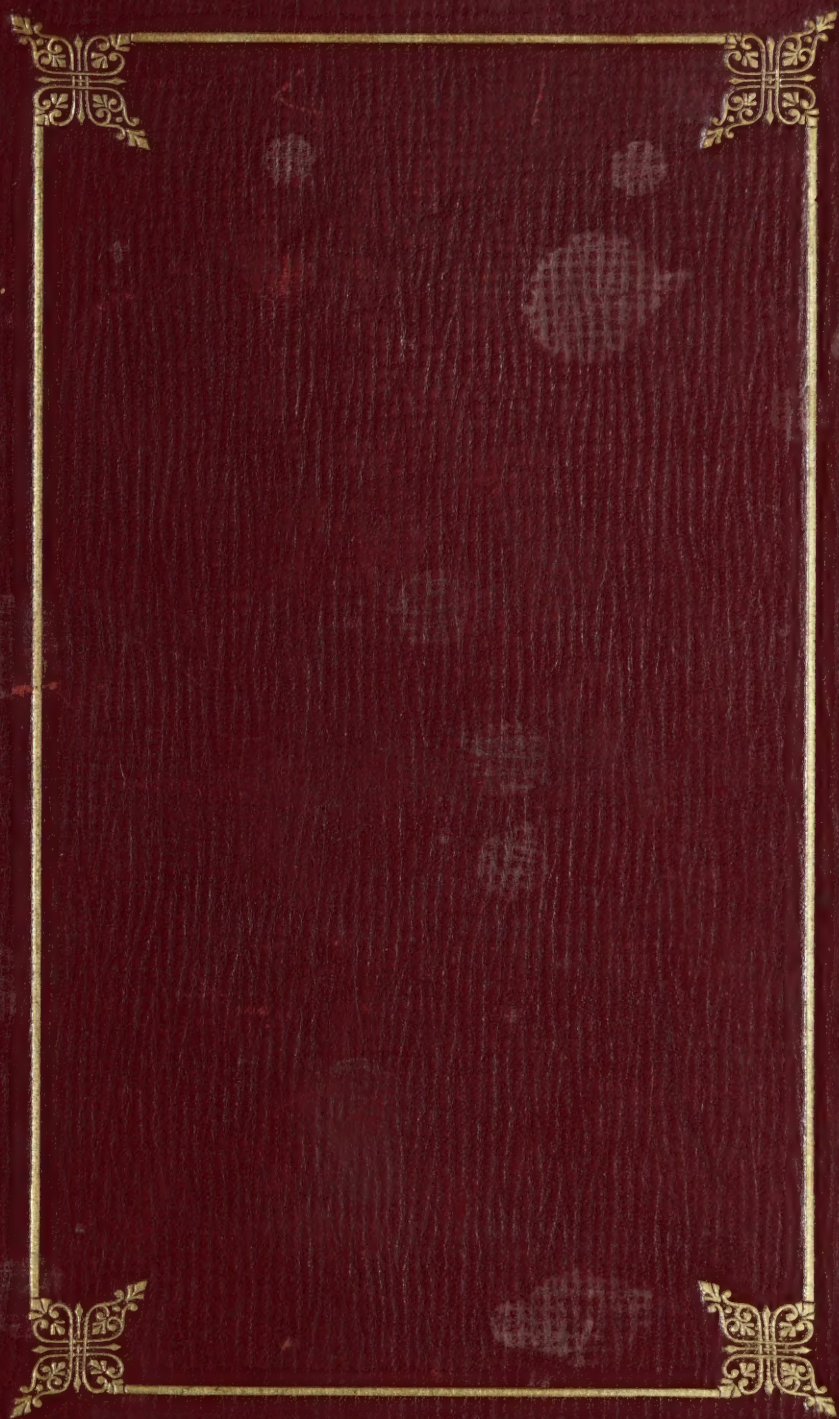
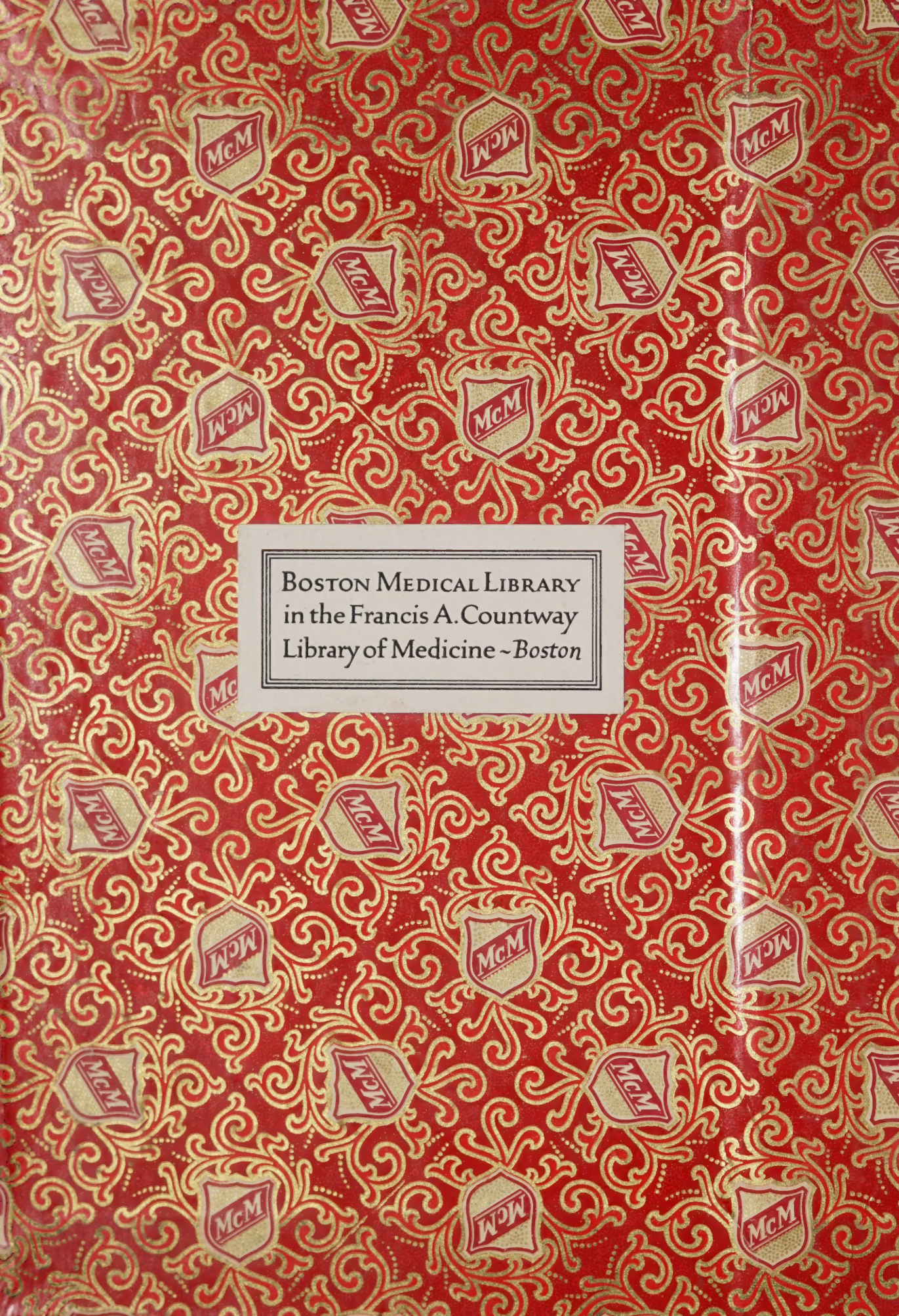








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THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH MEETING.

A Clinical meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held on January 7, 1935 at the Deaconess Hospital.

There were present: Senior members, Doctors Scudder, Brewster, O'Neil and Davis.

Active members, Doctors Hayden, Cheever, Vincent, Harmer, Macomber, Crabtree, Colby, Smithwick, E.E.O'Neil, Morrison, Munro, Mahoney, Hutchins, Overholt, Cattell, Lahey, Reggio, Clute, Kimpton, Loder, Leland, Fine, Rogers, C.G.Mixter, Pemberton, Simmons, and Lanman.

Dr. Lahey did a Secondary Operation for Recurrent Hyperthyroidism and a Subtotal Thyroidectomy for Adenoma of Right Lobe of the Thyroid, also Hysterectomy for Fibroid Uterus.

Dr. Cattell did a Subtotal Thyroidectomy for Adenomatous Goitre and Excision of Wen of the neck.

Dr. Overholt did a first stage upper Thoracoplasty for Pulmonary Tuberculosis; a 2nd Stage Thoracoplasty for Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and a 2nd Stage Thoracoplasty with Cautery for Lung Abscess.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas H. Lanman.*  
Secretary



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The one-hundred twenty first meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held in Philadelphia on February 4, 1935 in conjunction with the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery.

The following members were present: Doctors Simmons, Cheever, Lo Daland, O'Neil, Fine, Smithwick, Taylor, Marble, Harmer, F.C. Newton, Walker, H.G. Newton, Sowles, Stevens, Kimpton, Crabtree, Leland, Shortell, A. Fraser, W.J. Mixter, Hermann, Overholt, Lanman, Kazanji, E.L. Young, Ingraham, Pemberton, Ober.

The Morning Session was held at the Pennsylvania Hospital and the were Case Demonstrations and Papers as follows:

1. Dr. Robert Ivy-- Maxillo -- Facial Plastic Surgery  
This was discussed by Dr. Kazanjan.
2. Dr. B. Franklin Buzby -- End Results of Excision of the Elbow  
This was discussed by Drs. Harmer, Marble, and Shortell.
3. Dr. Thomas A. Shallow -- Parathyroid Tumor with Multiple Fractures  
This was discussed by Dr. Walker.
4. Dr. John B. Flick -- I. Chronic Ulcerative Colitis. Treated by Total Colectomy. II. Pneumonectomy for Carcinoma of Bronchus (with Dr. John H. Gibbon, Jr.)  
This was discussed by Drs. Sowles, Loder and Overholt.
5. Dr. Hubley R. Owen -- Complications and Failures of Operation for Duodenal Ulcer.  
This was discussed by Drs. Walker and E. L. Young.
6. Dr. E. L. Eliason -- Gastric Symptoms in Psychopathic Patient
7. Dr. Damon B. Pfeiffer -- Massive Hemorrhage from Posterior Duodenal Ulcer.  
This was discussed by Drs. Cheever and E. L. Young
8. Dr. Charles Mitchell and Dr. A. A. Wakling -- Parotid Tumor.
9. Dr. John H. Gibbon, Sr. -- Anurysmorrhaphy (Matas)

Our members were then guests of the Philadelphia group for lunch at the Racquet Club.

The Afternoon Session was held at the College of Physicians. The following papers were presented:

1. Dr. DeForest P. Willard -- Nicola Operation for Recurrent Dislocation of the Shoulder.  
This was discussed by Drs. Ober and Hermann.



2. Dr. Walter Estell Lee -- Terminal or Regional Ileitis.  
Dr. Harry L. Bockus (by invitation)  
This was discussed by Drs. F. L. C. Newton, Fine, and Cheever.
3. Dr. John Stewart Rodman -- Chronic Cystic Mastitis.  
This was discussed by Drs. Daland, Simmons, O'Neil and Taylor.
4. Dr. Charles H. Frazier -- The Surgical Treatment of Syringomyelia.  
This was discussed by W. J. Mixter.
5. Dr. Leon Herman -- Mixed Tumor of the Kidney in Adult.  
This was discussed by Dr. E. G. Crabtree.
6. Dr. George P. Muller -- A Giant Cell Tumor associated with Hyperparathyroidism.  
This was discussed by Dr. Simmons.

In the evening both societies met for dinner at the University Club. There was no formal scientific session, but a great deal of entertaining and informal discussion. It is felt that this experiment was very well worth trying and both societies look forward to a joint meeting next year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas H. Lamm*  
Secretary.



The one-hundred twenty second meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held on March 4, 1935 at the Free Hospital for Women

The following members were present: Doctors Simmons, Pemberton, George V.S. Smith, Sheehan, Hermann, W.J. Mixter, Sowles, Kimpton, A. Fraser, Hayden, G.D. Cutler, Barnes, Hutchins, Morrison, Lahey, Leland, Loder, Cattell, Stevens, Phaneuf, Lanman. There was one Senior member present: Dr. Lincoln Davis.

There were operations by Doctors Pemberton and G.V.S. Smith following which Doctor G.V.S. Smith gave an interesting resume of his work on Ovarian Tumors.

Doctor Younge ( by invitation) presented two cases that showed rather marked reaction after Transfusion. He stressed the importance of great care in grouping of the donor and recipient.

Doctor Pemberton's paper on Repair of cervix as a Prevention of Cancer was omitted for lack of time as also was the paper by Dr. Rock on Endocrines in Gynaecology.

It was voted that this Society send a letter to Dr. Walter Estell Lee thanking him for the pleasant and instructive meeting of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery at which our Society were guests.

Respectfully submitted

*Thomas H. Lanman.*

Secretary.



The following is a copy of the order of the Probate Court relative to the use of surplus income from the Henry Jacob Bigelow Trust Fund.

Case appeared in Equity - Number 263,485 - on February 15, 1935 - in Suffolk County - Probate Court.

A certified copy of this decree in Equity is in our Safety Deposit Box in the vault of the First National Bank - ~~Bay State Branch.~~ *UpTown* " 426 Baylston

Our petition reads in part as follows:

"1. That a decree of this Court may be entered ordering the New England Trust Company to pay over to your petitioner all or any part of the net income of the trust fund upon the written statement of its president that it is prepared to award the Henry Jacob Bigelow medal or that it is prepared to expend such income for surgical research work, for publications or for such other similar purposes as may seem to the said Governing Board most appropriate."

That The Boston Surgical Society, Inc., be instructed that all money received by it from The New England Trust Company, trustee under said trust, may be used by it in such amounts as it sees fit for the Henry Jacob Bigelow medal or for surgical research work, publications or other similar purposes.

For such other and further relief as to the Board may seem equitable and just.

"No person objecting, after hearing and consideration, the Court doth order and decree",

That the trustee, The New England Trust Company, is hereby authorized to pay over not oftener than once in any calendar year any surplus income accrued up to the date of this decree now in its hands over and above the reasonable cost of the purchase and presentation of the medal provided for in said Trust Deed to the Boston Surgical Society, Incorporated, upon its written request, and upon its declaration that said Boston Surgical Society, Incorporated, intends to use said surplus income for surgical research work, publication of articles on surgery, or for other related purposes.

*including any income,*  
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Arthur W. Dolan  
Judge of P.C.

The above insertion in the place indicated of the words, "including any income" is made because these words are in the original decree in Equity - but were omitted in making the certified copy. This correction has now been made both here and in our certified copy of the decree.

*Thomas H. Lanman*

*March 21, 1935.*



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON APRIL 16, 1935, AT THE  
HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL.

There were present: Dr. Simmons-President-, Dr. Cheever,  
Dr. W.J.Mixter, Dr. Arthur W. Allen, Dr. F.C.Newton, and  
Dr. Thomas H. Lanman.

It was voted that the Boston Surgical Society send a contribution of five hundred dollars (\$500) from the Henry Jacob Bigelow Trust Fund to the Boston Medical Library; this money to be used by the Library for the purchase of certain Surgical Publications. This contribution is made possible by the Decree in Equity - Number 263485 - in the Suffolk County- Probate Court - February 15, 1935, which permits the Society to use surplus income from the -- Bigelow Fund in this manner.

It was voted that the Society send out to every member this year the form letter used in 1933 in regard to the nomination of new members.

It was recommended by the Executive Council that the -- Philadelphia Academy of Surgery be invited to attend the meeting of our Society in February, 1936 and that this be voted on by the members at the April Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas H. Lanman*

Secretary.



The one-hundred twenty third meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held on Monday evening, April 22, 1935, at the St. Botolph Club with Dr. Channing C. Simmons presiding.

There were present: Senior Members - Drs. Cotton, Codman, Greenough, Osgood, Briggs and Davis. Active Members: - Drs. Allen, Binney, Cattell, Cheever, E.C.Cutler, Daland, A.Fraser, S.Fraser, Fine, Haggart, Hayden, Hodgson, Homans, Horrax, Hutchins, Kimpton, Lahey, Loder, Lund, Marble, Miller, O'Neil, Phaneuf, Riley, Rogers, Rushmore, Sever, Shortell, Simmons, Smith, Sowles, Stevens, Taylor, Walker, White, Lanman, and also there were several guests.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was omitted.

It was voted unanimously that the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery be invited to attend the meeting of our Society in February 1936.

The recommendation of the Council that five hundred dollars (\$500) be given to the Boston Medical Library from the William Sturgis Bigelow Trust Fund met with approval.

Dr. Simmons then introduced as Speaker of the evening, Dr. Gunnar Nyström, Professor of Surgery, University of Uppsala, Sweden. Dr. Nyström spoke on Embolism of the Arteries of the Extremities, and his experience with embolectomy. His talk was based on an analysis of three hundred and eighty two cases. He discussed the causative factors, of which heart disease was the most important. The age ranged from eighteen to eighty with the peak of cases at sixty years of age. In discussing symptomatology and diagnosis he brought out that although the symptoms of pain were usual, he had noticed a few cases where there was only slight pain. He questioned the value of radio-opaque media injected in the artery for diagnosis.

He then discussed the technique of embolectomy, which he believes is indicated in all cases, especially those where the embolus is found in the femoral artery and he found this location present in 45% of his cases. He believes surgery is preferable to other methods yet devised but believes the answer has not yet been reached. As regards the technique of operation he uses rubber tubes instead of clamps to control the bleeding and does not believe that it is necessary to get intima to intima because this last takes longer and may narrow the calibre of the vessel. He gave some illustrations of cases in which the embolus was at the bifurcation of the aorta and was brought down to the groin by actual manipulation of the thrombus through a retroperitoneal incision in the inguinal region.

End results are somewhat discouraging but he believes better results will be obtained by earlier diagnosis and earlier treatment. He regards 20% as cured, five years following embolectomy and with restored circulation; another 22% are alive but required amputation of the limb. This leaves about 60% dead but in most cases the original condition causing the embolism, e.g. heart condition, was the cause of death.

An interesting discussion followed in which Dr. E.C.Cutler, Dr. A.W.Allen, Dr. Cattell, and Dr. C.C.Lund took part.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.45 P.M. for light refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas H. Lanman*  
Secretary



Report of the meeting of the Executive Council of the Boston Surgical Society held on October 1, 1935, at the Huntington Hospital.

There were present: Dr. Simmons, President; and Drs. Pemberton, Cheever, Munro, W.J.Mixter, and Lanman.

Details of the program for the coming year were taken up with the exception of the April meeting. The program was tentatively decided on.

It was voted that Drs. Wyman Whittemore, H.P.Stevens, and G.L.Tobey and B.Vincent be placed on the Senior List.

The clinical meetings of the Society will be held November 4th at the Massachusetts General Hospital; January 6, 1936 at the Children's Hospital and March 2, 1936 at the -- Beth Israel Hospital.

Discussion of the Bigelow medal award was deferred.

It was voted that a complete list of all candidates proposed for membership be sent all the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas H. Lanman*

Secretary



The one-hundred twenty fourth meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Massachusetts General Hospital on Monday, November 4, 1935.

The following members were present: Drs. W.J.Mixter, Churchill, Colby, McKittrick, Young, Simmons, Meigs, Rogers, White, Overholt, Cheever, R.O'Neil, Morrison, Wmthwick, C.G.Mixter, Ober, H.Newton, Kimpton, G.W.W.Brewster, A.Brewster, Macomber, E.Cutler, G.Cutler, Clute, Cattell, C.C.Lund, Hutchins, Ingraham, and Lanman.

From 9 to 10 A.M. the following operations were performed for the Society:

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| Laminectomy for Syringomyelia                           | Dr. W.J.Mixter.      |
| Transplantation of Tensor Fascia for old Poliomyelitis. | Dr. Joseph Barr.     |
| Gastrectomy for Carcinoma of Stomach.                   | Dr. E. D. Churchill. |
| Abdomino-Perineal Resection for Carcinoma of Rectum.    | Dr. L.S.McKittrick.  |
| One Stage Suprapubic Prostatectomy.                     | Dr. F.H.Colby.       |
| Cholecystectomy and Choledochostomy.                    | Dr. E.L.Young.       |

Following the operative clinic, the dry clinic was held and the following cases were presented and discussed:

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ulcerative Colitis.                                                                                              | Dr. L.S.McKittrick  |
| Breast Tumors                                                                                                    | Dr. C.C.Simmons     |
| Endometrial Biopsy                                                                                               | Dr. J.V.Meigs       |
| Spinal Epidural Abscess                                                                                          | Dr. W.J.Mixter      |
| Lobectomy and Pneumectomy                                                                                        | Dr. E.D.Churchill   |
| Acetabulo-plasty                                                                                                 | Dr. G.W.VanGorder   |
| Pilonidal Sinus                                                                                                  | Dr. H. Rogers       |
| Modified Sympathectomy for Vascular Spasm of the Upper Extremity (Raynaud's Disease). Experimental and Practical | Dr. J.C.White       |
|                                                                                                                  | and                 |
|                                                                                                                  | Dr. R.H.Smithwick   |
| Lobectomy and Pneumectomy                                                                                        | Dr. E. D. Churchill |

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas H. Lanman*

Secretary.



A meeting of the Executive Council was held on November 14, 1935. There were present: President Simmons, Doctors Pemberton, Cheever, Munro and Lanman.

The list of candidates was gone over with great care and deliberation and it was decided to make the following nominations for balloting at the Annual Meeting :

George Gilbert Smith

Henry H. Faxon

Augustus Thorndike, Jr.

Lester R. Whitaker

The plans for the meeting with the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery next February were also discussed.

Respectfully submitted

*Thomas H. Lanman*

Secretary.



THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED.

THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIFTH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Harvard Club on December 2, 1935 at 8.15 P.M.

The following members were present: SENIORS: Doctors Greenough, Osgood, Scudder, Hartwell, Briggs, Brewster. ACTIVE MEMBERS: Allen, Simmons, Barney, Binney, A.H.Brewster, Cheever, Cochrane, G.D.Cutler, Daland, S.Fraser, Harmer, Haggart, Hayden, Hepburn, Homans, Horrax, Hutchins, Ingraham, Kimpton, Lanman, Leland, McKittrick, Miller, Morrison, H.F.Newton, E.O'Neil, Overholt, Reggio, Riley, Rogers, Rushmore, Sever, Sheehan, G.V.Smith, Smithwick, Sowles, Taylor, Walker, White and several invited guests.

It was voted that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be omitted. The Treasurer made his annual report and after the report of the auditing committee, it was voted that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

It was voted by the Society on recommendation of the Executive Council that the dues for the ensuing year be five dollars.

There was a brief report on the Bigelow Fund stating that five hundred dollars of this fund had been given to the Boston Medical Library.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be empowered to cast one vote for the election of Dr. Howard M. Clute to serve as a member of the Executive Council for five years from January 1, 1936.

The following men were ballotted on by the Society for Active Membership:

George Gilbert Smith  
Henry H. Faxon  
Augustus Thorndike, Jr.  
Lester R. Whitaker

After counting the votes it was found that all the above men received sufficient votes and were declared elected.

Dr. Robert Osgood spoke to the Society regarding a contribution from the Society to the Memorial Fund for Sir Robert Jones. This Fund is to be used in part for Travelling Fellowships. It was voted that this matter be referred to the Executive Council for action as to the desirability and manner of making a contribution.

The tentative plans for the coming meeting of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery in February, 1936 were discussed.



There was then the Scientific Program which was a Symposium on Thoracic Surgery. Doctor Wyman Whittemore was voted into the Chair to preside.

The first paper was presented by Doctor Horace Binney on "Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Empyema." Doctor Binney stressed the importance of proper treatment of acute empyema as the best method in preventing chronic empyema. The actual treatment of the chronic empyema cavity is directed toward wide exposure of the cavity and its pockets sterilization of the cavity and collapse of the chest wall on the cavity if necessary. Paper was discussed by Dr. Homans.

Doctor Harlan F. Newton presented a paper on "Surgery in Pulmonary Tuberculosis." Doctor Newton confined his talk largely to collapse of the lung, in selected cases, and stressed the importance of removing the rib well posteriorly and including removal of part of the transverse process as well. Most cases of incomplete collapse are the result of not removing the posterior portion of the rib. He also described certain poor risk cases in which extrapleural pneumolysis with paraffin injection was a safer method of obtaining collapse.

Doctor Richard Overholt gave a very interesting talk on "Primary Carcinoma of the Lung", stressing the advance in early diagnosis and the improvement in operative results which follow very careful attention to anesthetic pre-operative care and adequate exposure.

Doctor Edward Churchill discussed "Surgery of Bronchiectasis", with special reference to lobectomy. In a very brilliant series of cases the mortality with proper technique has been lowered to about 2% and in his own experience, he has done 21 cases without death. He also emphasized the importance of improvement in technique as regards anesthesia and the merits of the one and two stage operation. At the end of the period, Dr. Churchill had some very interesting models of sheep's lungs and showed the actual technique of lobectomy.

The meeting adjourned at 10.20 P.M. for light refreshments and it seemed to be the very general impression that the meeting was a very instructive and interesting one.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Thomas W. Lanman*  
 Secretary.



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The one hundred and twenty sixth meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Children's Hospital on Monday morning, January 6., 1936.

There were present: Active members: Doctors, O'Neil, F.C. Newton, Kazanjian, Marble, Miller, Whitaker, Crabtree, Brewster, Hayden, Leland, Simmons, G.D. Cutler, E.C. Cutler, Ober, Reggio, Walker, J. Mixter, Lund, Thorndike, Haggart, Hutchins, H. Faxon, Overholt. Ingraham, Harmer, Hodgson, Hepburn, G.V. Smith, Taylor, Kimpton, Ladd, Sowles, Sheehan, Lanman,; SENIOR MEMBERS: Scudder, Davis and G.W.W. Brewster.

An operation - Tendon Transplant to Foot for Old Polio - was done by Doctor Frank R. Ober.

A surgical and Orthopedic Dry Clinic followed the operation with demonstration of cases.

Surgical Clinic.

Congenital Intestinal Obstruction.  
Dr. Ladd.

Bronchiectasis. Indications for Lobectomy  
Dr. Lanman.

Ankylosis of Jaw. Dr. Ladd.

Osteomyelitis with Transplant of Fibula into Tibia. (End Result) Dr. Ladd.

Exstrophy of Bladder. Dr. Ladd.

Ectopic Penis. Dr. Lanman

Oesophageal Stricture. Dr. Lanman.

Orthopedic Clinic.

Congenital Deformities. Dr. Fitchet  
(by invitation)

Shoulder Transplants. Dr. Ober

Dislocated Hips. Dr. Green  
(by invitation)

Respectfully submitted,  
*Thomas H. Lanman*  
Secretary.



The one hundred and twenty seventh meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held on Monday, February 3, 1936. Our Society had as guests thirty one members of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery.

The morning session was held at the Massachusetts General Hospital. The following papers were presented:

Lobectomy for Bronchiectasis By Dr. Edward D. Churchill  
(read by Dr. Oliver Cope in the absence of Doctor Churchill)  
Discussion opened by Dr. John B. Flick

Certain Aspects of Surgery of the Hand By Dr. Torr W. Harmer  
Discussion opened by Dr. E. T. Crossman

Parathyroid Disease and its Relation to Urology By Dr. J.D.Barney

Rupture of the Invertebral Disc by Dr. William J. Mixter  
Discussion opened by Dr. Damon B. Pfeiffer

Artificial Menopause in Carcinoma of the Breast by Dr. G. W. Taylor  
Discussion opened by Dr. G. M. Dorrance

Injection Treatment of Subdeltoid Bursitis By Dr. M.N.Smith-Petersen  
Discussed by Dr. L.K.Ferguson and Dr. Codman

Vesico-Vaginal Fistula by Dr. Frank A. Pemberton  
Discussion opened by Dr. H.P.Brown, Jr.

Cholangiography as an Aid to Surgery of the Bile Passages  
By Dr. Charles G. Mixter  
Discussion opened by Dr. H.K.Seelaus

End Results in Acute Perforated Peptic Ulcers By Dr. W.R.Morrison  
Discussion opened by Dr. E. B. Hodge

Complete Biliary Obstruction with Hypo-Chloremia. Choledochodudenostomy  
By Dr. Charles C. Lund  
Discussion opened by Dr. I.M. Boykin

Following the morning session all members had lunch at the Harvard Club.



The Afternoon session was held at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital where the following papers were presented:

Studies in Essential Hypertension By Dr. Elliott C. Cutler  
Surgical Hypertension By Dr. Gilbert Horrax  
Malignant Hypertension By Dr. Reginald H. Smithwick  
 Discussed by Dr. Damon B. Pfeiffer - Dr. Rodman - Dr. Owen

Unilateral Vasospasm of Cerebral Origin By Dr. Irving J. Walker  
 Discussion opened by Dr. H. R. Owen

Elephantiasis By Dr. John Homans  
 Discussion opened by Dr. T.J. Ryan

Total Cystectomy for Carcinoma By Dr. William C. Quinby  
 Discussion opened by Dr. E.J. Klopp

Carcinoma of the Rectum by Dr. Frank H. Lahey  
 Discussion opened by Dr. Damon B. Pfeiffer

The Activity of the Urinary Bladder as Measured by a New and Inexpensive Cystometer. By Dr. Donald Munro

Preparation of Safe Intravenous Solutions  
 By Dr. Carl W. Walter (by invitation)  
 Discussion opened by Dr. J.H. Gibbon, Jr.

In the evening forty five members of the Boston Surgical Society dined with the thirty one guests from Philadelphia at the -- Harvard Club. Dinner was informal as was the speaking afterward.

The meeting was very well attended - there being sixty two of the active members present and thirteen senior members.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas W. Lanman.*

Secretary



The one hundred and twenty eighth meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Beth Israel Hospital on Monday, March 2, 1936.

There were present: Doctors C.G.Mixter, W.J.Mixter, Ingraham, Cheever, Faxon, Hutchins, Lahey, G.D.Cutler, Crabtree, Rogers, Phaneuf, Pemberton, A.H.Brewster, Reggio, Marble, Taylor, Cattell, Fine, Hodgson, Whitaker, A.Thorndike, Lanman, .  
SENIORS: Tobey, O'Neill, Cotton.

There were operations by Dr. Charles G. Mixter and Associates following which there was a Dry Clinic:

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|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Gastric Mycosis                                        | By Dr. C. Bearse.                        |
| Electrocoagulation of Advanced Carcinoma of the Rectum | By Reuben Davidoff                       |
|                                                        | Discussion by Dr. Cheever and Dr. Lahey. |
| Treatment of Cervical Arthritis by Extension           | By Dr. S. S. Hanflig.                    |
| Hepatic Glycogen in Jaundice.                          | By Dr. Benjamin M. Banks .               |
| Preoperative Radiation of Kidney Tumors.               | By Dr. George C. Prather.                |
|                                                        | Discussed by Dr. Lanman                  |
| The Absorption of Nitrogen from Body Tissues.          | By Dr. Jacob Fine.                       |
|                                                        | Discussed by Dr. Cheever                 |
| Carcinoma of Cervix in Jewish Women                    | By Dr. M.J.Schlesinger.                  |
|                                                        | Discussed by Dr. Pemberton               |
| End Results of Total Thyroidectomy                     | By Dr. David D. Berlin.                  |
| Three Cases of Biliary Tract. Pathology.               | By Dr. Charles G. Mixter.                |

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas W. Lanman*

SECRETARY

The one hundred and twenty ninth meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Harvard Club on Monday evening, -- April 6, 1936.

The following members were present: Doctors Simmons, C.G.Mixter, W.J.Mixter, Cheever, Rushmore, E.C.Cutler, Overholt, Daland, Taylor, Churchill, Fine, C.C.Lund, Allen, O'Neil, Rogers, Smith-Petersen, Kimpton, Clute, Crabtree, G.V.S.Smith, Riley, Lanman, J.C.White, McKittrick, Faxon, Horrax, Smithwick, Phaneuf, Thorndike Cochrane, S. Fraser, Leland, Whitaker. SENIORS: G.W.W.Brewster, Osgood, D.F.Jones, Greenough.

There were also as guests for discussion: Doctors Sprague, Robey, Burwell and Ohler.

There was no business to come before the Society and President Simmons introduced the speaker for the evening, Doctor Samuel C. Harvey, who presented a paper on "PRECORDIAL THORACOPLASTY (BROUWER'S CARDIOLYSIS) IN CARDIAC DISEASE." Doctor Harvey discussed the history of this operation and pointed out the difficulty in making a pre-operative diagnosis of cases that are suitable for Brouwer's operation. In his series of eleven cases most of them seemed to have rheumatic fever as the etiological agent. It is more in the selection of cases rather than in improvement of the operation itself that progress is to be expected. The complete paper of Dr. Harvey will appear shortly in the New England Journal of Medicine.

His paper was discussed by Doctors Elliott Cutler, Churchill, Robey, Burwell and Sprague.

Meeting adjourned at 9.45 P.M. Light refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas N. Lanman*

Secretary.



A meeting of the Executive Council of the Boston Surgical Society was held on October 8, 1936 at the home of the president, Dr. Channing C. Simmons.

The following members were present: Doctors Simmons, Clute, Pemberton, W.J.Mixter and Lanman.

Doctor Simmons appointed for the Auditing Committee the following members: Doctors George D. Cutler - A. W. Brewster.

Doctor Simmons appointed for the Nominating Committee the following members: Doctors E. D. Churchill - C.C.Lund - W.E.Ladd - to submit names of a candidate for :

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary-Treasurer

all three of the above members to serve two years. This committee also to nominate one member for the Executive Council to serve five years to take the place of Dr. W.J.Mixter.

It was voted that at the Annual Meeting in December that there be a Symposium on Neurosurgery - Dr. W.J.Mixter to be in charge of the Committee on Arrangements for the program.

It was voted that the Council recommend that the dues for the ensuing year be five dollars. (\$5)

It was voted that if the members of the Philadelphia Academy invite our Society to meet with them this winter that the Council recommend to the Society that we accept.

It was voted that the Society write Doctors Cheever - Binney - Irving and Rushmore to ask them if they would object to becoming Senior Members so as to permit four vacancies in the Active Members to be filled by new candidates at the December meeting. The question of new members was brought up. It was felt that the list submitted to the Executive Council last year contained enough names so that further nominations need not be considered. After considerable discussion it was voted that another meeting of the Council take place to decide on the outcome of a possible six or seven candidates to be selected.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 P.M.

( Doctors Cheever, Binney, Irving, Rushmore, were willing to be placed on the Senior Membership list.)

Respectfully submitted

*Thomas H. Lanman*

Secretary.



The one hundred and thirtieth meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals on Monday morning, November 2, 1936.

There were present the following members : Seniors - Doctors Briggs, Tobey and Stevens; Doctors Whitaker, Rogers, Ingraham, H. Newton, Harmer, Phaneuf, Hepburn, G.D. Cutler, Faxon, Lund, Simmons, Sever, Macomber, Kimpton, Crabtree, Lanman, Allen, Barney, Taylor, Horrax, Pemberton.

The Operative Clinic was as follows:

Cancer of Stomach - Sub-total Gastrectomy  
Dr. Howard M. Clute

Cancer of Stomach - Sub-total Gastrectomy  
Dr. Milo C. Green

Stone in Left Ureter - Ureterotomy  
Dr. Samuel N. Vose

Leiomyoma of Uterus - Hysterectomy  
Dr. Clifford D. Harvey

At the Dry Clinic the following were demonstrated:

Spondylolisthesis - Dr. Louis G. Howard  
Lung Abscess - Dr. John W. Strieder  
Sugar Tolerance in Myxedema - Dr. Reginald Fitz  
Double-Oral Method for Cholecystography - Dr. L.R. Whitaker  
Gastro-Jejunal Ulcer - Dr. Howard M. Clute  
Osteomyelitis of Frontal Bone - Dr. Leighton Johnson  
Cancer of Right Colon, Leiomyoma of Mesentery  
Dr. Milo C. Green  
Regional Ileitis - Dr. Clifford Harvey  
Traumatic Stricture of Urethra - Dr. Samuel N. Vose  
Lumbar Sympathectomy to increase blood supply and skin  
temperature to paralyzed right leg - Dr. Howard M. Clute.

There were also some interesting exhibits:

The heart in Thyrotoxicosis - Dr. George Levene,  
Dr. Henry H. Lerner - Dr. Egon Wissing.  
Preparation of Intravenous Solutions. Dr. Frank E. Barton  
Primary Carcinoma of the Lung - Dr. Charles F. Branch.  
Double Kidney Pelvis in Twins - Dr. Raymond A. Harpin  
Urologic Exhibit - Dr. Myron J. Hahn and  
Dr. Samuel N. Vose  
Melano-Sarcoma of Liver - Dr. Ensio K.F. Ronka  
Comparative Results with Different Methods of Handling  
the Appendiceal Stump - Dr. Welman B. Christie  
Transplantation of the Cord in Repair of Inguinal Hernia  
Preliminary Ligation of Cystic Artery in Sub-Serous  
Cholecystectomy  
Exhibit of Special Instruments. Dr. Lester R. Whitaker

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas H. Lanman*



A Meeting of the Executive Council of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Huntington Memorial Hospital on November 10, 1936 at 5 P.M.

The following members were present: President Simmons, Doctors Pemberton, Munro, Clute, Allen, F.C. Newton and Lanman.

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following names to be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

|                                                    |                        |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| For President                                      | Dr. William C. Quinby  |
| For Vice-President                                 | Dr. Richard H. Miller  |
| For Secretary-Treasurer                            | Dr. Grantley W. Taylor |
| For Member of the Executive<br>Council for 5 years | Dr. Frank R. Ober      |

The Executive Council voted to submit the following nominations for Active Membership:

Dr. Langdon Parsons  
Dr. Stanley J. Nowak  
Dr. Richard I. Smith  
Dr. Milo C. Green

The scientific program will be a Symposium on Neurosurgical Procedures for Relief of Pain. The following men will speak: Doctors Hodgson, Horrax, Putnam, Meigs. The discussion will be opened by Dr. Donald Munro.

It was voted to submit to the Society for vote at the Annual Meeting the following change in the By-Laws: that Article IV - Section I be amended to read:

"The stated meeting in December shall be the Annual Meeting and shall be held on the first Monday in December. The other stated meetings may be held on any day in November, January, February, March and April that the Executive Council may deem advisable."

It was decided that members be informed at the Annual Meeting that the Executive Council deems it advisable to take active measures to improve the attendance at the Society Meetings especially those held at the various hospitals.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas H. Lanman*

Secretary.



THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIRST MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Harvard Club on December 7, 1936.

The following members were present: Seniors: Doctors G.W.Brewster, Stevens, Osgood, Rushmore. Active Members: Doctors: Simmons, Lanman, Faxon, Sowles, Barney, Sever, Meigs, Hodgson, Putnam, Macomber, Riley, Horrax, W.J.Mixter, E.C.Cutler, Munro, Ladd, Quinby, F.C.Newton, Ober, Hutchins, Whittaker, Hepburn, Ingraham, Fine, H.C.Newton, Daland, Overholt, A.Brewster, A. Thorndike, Jr. Smith-Petersen, Rogers, Clute, Reggio, Kazanjian, G.D. Cutler, Haggart, Cochrane, Somers Fraser, Cattell, Smithwick, G.Smith, E.O'Neil, White, Colby, Fraser, Loder, Sheehan, Hayden, Phaneuf, Marble, Leland.

It was voted that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be omitted. The Treasurer made his annual report and after the report of the auditing committee, it was voted that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

It was voted by the Society on recommendation of the Executive Council that the dues for the ensuing year be five dollars.

Doctor G.W.W.Brewster read an obituary on the death of --  
Dr. Francis Davenport. (Page 27)

Doctor Donald Macomber read an obituary on the death of -- (Page 28)  
Dr. Edward Reynolds. These were accepted by the Society and it was voted that they be spread on the records and a copy be sent to the families.

It was voted by the Society that they accept the invitation of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery for a joint meeting to be held in Philadelphia in February.

The President presented to the Society the recommendation of the Executive Council for the proposed amendment to the By-Laws: that Article IV, - Section I, - be changed to read:

"The stated meeting in December shall be the Annual Meeting and shall be held on the first Monday in December. The other stated meetings may be held on any day in November, January, February, March and April that the Executive Council may deem advisable."

Under the Constitution this proposal cannot be voted on until the next stated meeting.

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The Nominating Committee submitted the following members for Officers:

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|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| For President                                   | Dr. William C. Quinby  |
| For Vice-President                              | Dr. Richard H. Miller  |
| For Secretary-Treasurer                         | Dr. Grantley W. Taylor |
| For Member of the Executive Council for 5 Years | Dr. Frank R. Ober      |

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be empowered to cast one vote in favor of accepting these nominations. This was done and the above members were elected for the offices stated.

The following members were ballotted on by the Society for Active Membership:

Dr. Langdon C. Parsons  
Dr. Stanley J. Nowak  
Dr. Richard I. Smith  
Dr. Milo C. Green

After counting the votes it was found that all of the above men received sufficient votes and were declared elected.

There was then the Scientific Program which was a Symposium on Neurosurgical Procedures for Relief of Pain:

1. The Relief of Pain in the Head and Neck.

Dr. John Hodgson

2. Chordotomy for Relief of Pain.

Dr. Gilbert Horrax

3. The Injection of Alcohol for Relief of Pain.

Dr. Tracy Putnam

4. The Relief of Pelvic Pain.

Dr. Joe V. Meigs

The Discussion was opened by Dr. Donald Munro, and was continued by Doctors W.J. Mixter, Cutler, Ladd and White.

The papers were interesting and the discussion profitable.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 P.M.

Light refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Thomas H. Lanman*  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SECOND MEETING,  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Peter  
Bent Brigham Hospital on Tuesday morning, January 12, 1937.

There were present the following members: Seniors - Doctors  
L. Davis, G.W.W. Brewster, F.G. Balch, Sr. and R.F. O'Neil;  
Doctors Quinby, Taylor, Hutchins, Simmons, White, Colby, Nowak,  
Green, F. Newton, H. Newton, Kimpton, Binney, Smithwick, G.V.S. Smith,  
Allen, Young, Overholt, Cattell, A. Thorndike, Lahey, E. Cutler,  
Daland, Hayden, Rogers, Parsons, Walker, Lanman, Fine, Loder,  
Clute, Stevens, R.I. Smith, C. Mixter.

From 9:30 to 10:30 the following operations were performed:

|                                   |           |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| First stage laryngectomy          | - - - -   | Dr. Lyman Richards    |
| Gastric Resection                 | - - - - - | Dr. Zollinger         |
| Radical Mastectomy                | - - - - - | Dr. Charles D. Branch |
| Transureteral Prostatic Resection | - -       | Dr. William C. Quinby |
| D.&C. and Hysterectomy            | - - - - - | Dr. John Dunphy       |

Immediately after the operative clinic the following program  
was presented:

|                                             |               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Adrenal hirsutism without adrenal tumor     | Dr. Cutler    |
| Sterilizers, good and bad                   | Dr. Walter    |
| Sinus thrombosis in children                | Dr. Bailey    |
| The result of dilatation of the choledochus | Dr. Zollinger |
| Evipal                                      | Dr. Dunphy    |
| Surgical x-ray conference                   | Dr. Sosman    |

Respectfully submitted,

*Manley W. Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THIRD MEETING,

of the Boston Surgical Society was held in Philadelphia on February 15, 1937 in conjunction with the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery.

The following members were present: Drs. L.S. McKittrick, W.R. Morrison, G.W. Taylor, R.C. Cochrane, A.W. Reggio, J. Fine, R.I. Smith, W.C. Quinby, I.J. Walker, G.A. Leland, C.C. Lund, R.B. Cattell, H. Rogers, H.H. Faxon, L.R. Whitaker, C.C. Simmons, W.E. Ladd, T.H. Lanman, E.M. Daland, H.K. Sowles, C.L. Parsons, G.D. Cutler, J. Homans, F.R. Ober, Otto Herman.

The Morning Session was held at the University Hospital and there were case demonstrations and reports as follows:

1. Dr. John Paul North --- Compound Dislocation of the Ankle.  
This was discussed by Drs. Leland and Herman.
2. Dr. Damon B. Pfeiffer --- A Case of Bacillus Mucosus Capsulatus Bacteremia Due to Prostatic Abscess with Recovery.  
This was discussed by Dr. Quinby.
3. Dr. E. L. Eliason and Dr. Julian Johnson (by invitation) ---  
An Unusual Case of Hepatic Duct Obstruction.  
This was discussed by Drs. Walker and Whitaker.
4. Dr. William Bates and Dr. George C. Griffith (by invitation) ---  
Adenocarcinoma of First Portion of the Jejunum.  
This was discussed by Dr. Sowles.
5. Dr. Francis C. Grant --- Complete Surgical Extirpation of Abscess of the Brain.  
This was discussed in a report from Dr. Horrax; he was unable to be present at the meeting and so sent in his opinions in a letter to Dr. Grant.
6. Dr. Leon Herman --- Primary Adenocarcinoma of the Epididymis.  
This was discussed by Dr. Quinby.
7. Dr. DeForest P. Willard and Dr. Jesse T. Nicholson (by invitation) ---  
Giant Cell Tumor of the Cervical Spine.  
This was discussed by Dr. Simmons.
8. Dr. Walter Estell Lee --- Successful Jejunal Feeding for over Nine Months following Exploratory Laparotomy for Almost Complete Duodenal Atresia on the Fifth Day of Life.  
This was discussed by Dr. Ladd.

The Afternoon Session was held at the College of Physicians where the following papers were presented:

1. Dr. I. S. Ravdin --- Nutritional Edema.  
This was discussed by Dr. Lanman.

2. Dr. A. Bruce Gill --- Dupuytren's Contracture with Consideration of its Etiology and Methods of Treatment.  
This was discussed by Dr. Homans.
3. Dr. L. K. Ferguson --- The Treatment of Pilonidal Cysts by Delayed Excision and Primary Suture in Ambulatory Patients.  
This was discussed by Dr. Rogers.
4. Dr. George Wagoner --- Chronic Sciatic Pain Due to Adhesions about the Nerve Trunk and the Results of their Removal by Operation.  
This was discussed by Dr. Ober.
5. Dr. Thomas Shallow --- Esophageal Diverticula.  
This was discussed by Dr. Cattell.
6. Dr. J. C. Birdsall --- The Relationship of Hydronephrosis to Nephroptosis. (Motion Picture Film.)  
This was discussed by Dr. Quinby.

Our members were guests of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery and were entertained at breakfast and luncheon at the University Club and at dinner at the Raquet Club; there was no formal scientific session but informal discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

*Walter W. Taylor*  
Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 1937, AT  
THE PETER BENT BRIGHAM HOSPITAL.

There were present: Dr. Quinby, Dr. Miller, Dr. Allen,  
Dr. F.C. Newton, Dr. Ober, Dr. Clute, Dr. Simmons, and  
Dr. Taylor.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether and to  
whom the Bigelow Medal should be awarded this year. It  
was generally agreed that if a suitable candidate be found  
available the Medal should be given.

The following names were proposed as possible candidates:

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| GRAHAM | POOLE     | BASTIENELLI | WILKIE | LERICHE | SAUERBRUCH |
| CRILE  | ARCHIBALD | SAMPSON     |        |         |            |

After considerable discussion the unanimous choice centered  
on Edward W. Archibald of Montreal.

Time and place of the meeting are to be settled later on. The  
question was also raised as to whether a sum of money should  
be contributed this year to the Boston Medical Library and it  
was agreed ~~without~~ vote to defer this until the expenses in award-  
ing the Medal have been estimated. The question was also raised  
of a suitable speaker and date for the April meeting of the  
Society but no decision was arrived at.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mauley W. Taylor*  
Secretary

When Dr. F. H. Davenport died, one of the few remaining prominent gynecologists of his time passed away. He graduated from Williams College a Phi Beta Kappa man, and received his medical degree from the Harvard Medical School. He served as House Officer in the Massachusetts General Hospital and following a period of study and travel abroad started practice in Boston.

Early in his career he became associated with Dr. W.H. Baker, Professor of Gynecology at the Harvard Medical School and surgeon to the Free Hospital for Women and confined himself entirely to the practice of gynecology. He was connected with the staff of the Free Hospital for Women and the Boston Dispensary. In 1889, he published a small volume on the "Diseases of Women", a manual designed especially for the use of students and general practitioners, which he employed in his class work in the Harvard Medical School, where he was Assistant Professor in Gynecology. The third edition of this book was published in 1898, at which time he was appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Free Hospital for Women. He was a fluent and easy writer and, although he never made any notable contribution, his thoughts and methods were fundamentally sound and clear.

His natural abilities and character made him highly respected in the profession, while his charm of manner and his easy and simple methods of presenting his subject made him popular as a teacher. It is interesting to realize that his career was during the period when Gynecology was gradually growing to include major abdominal operations on the pelvic organs.

Dr. Davenport will always be remembered by his colleagues as a surgeon of skill and a man with the very highest sense of professional honor. He left a large and devoted body of patients. He died as he lived, a true gentleman.

George W.W. Brewster

December 6, 1936.



In the passing of Dr. Edward Reynolds, Boston and the whole country have lost one of the pioneers in surgery and obstetrics. Dr. Reynolds' professional life dated back to the days of the carbolic spray in surgery and the pre-antiseptic days in obstetrics. During his career abdominal surgery developed from its infancy to the attainments with which we now associate it. This had far reaching results in gynecology and in obstetrics and in each of these advances he was a leader. His achievements were so numerous that a mere list of them would more than fill the space allotted to me.

He was born in Boston on April 2, 1860, the son and grandson of a physician. He attended the Boston Latin School and after a couple of years in Williams College entered Harvard from which he graduated with an A.B. in 1881 and M.D. in 1885. After graduation he was a house pupil at the Massachusetts General Hospital on the East Surgical Service. From there he went to the Boston Lying-In as resident physician. Following his graduation he was appointed to the staff, eventually serving as physician-in-chief to out-patients. He also served on the staff of the Boston City Hospital and as surgeon-in-chief at the Free Hospital for Women. In 1890 he was elected to the American Gynecological Society and served as its president in 1904. At one time he was chairman of the section of obstetrics and abdominal surgery of the American Medical Association and he also served as president of the Obstetrical Society of Boston. He also served as vice-president and chairman of directors in the American Society for the Control of Cancer. In addition to numerous professional papers Dr. Reynolds was the author of three books, "Practical Midwifery" 1892, "Practical Obstetrics" by Reynolds and Newell, 1902, and "Fertility and Sterility" by Reynolds and Macomber, 1924.

Perhaps Dr. Reynolds will be best remembered for the major advances which he made in the study and treatment of sterility. This work was both of practical and research nature and opened up entirely new fields. His name was known and quoted the world over.

After so full a professional life it was extraordinary that he should have attained eminence in other lines, but such is the case. After retiring from active practice in 1922 he carried out a research in anthropology at the Peabody Museum. Because of this work in 1929 he was appointed associate curator of somatology and director of the Peabody Museum. In 1932 he was made director emeritus and given an honorary Masters Degree by Harvard University in recognition of his services. After a useful and distinguished career Dr. Reynolds died on October 16, 1936.

So much for Dr. Reynolds, the doctor and the scientist. As a man, he was beloved yet feared by his patients. He possessed the ability to inspire implicit confidence. His every word possessed an oracular quality found only in the born teacher. A long list of distinguished specialists felt his influence as confreres or as disciples. Few knew him intimately, but those who did found him a genial host and a kindly friend.

Donald Macomber



THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FOURTH MEETING,  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
Carney Hospital on Tuesday morning, March 16, 1937.

The following members were present: Drs. Whitaker, Munro, Taylor, Fine,  
Crabtree, Reggio, Hayden, Mixter, Hutchins, Allen, Quinby, Morrison,  
Loder, I. Walker, Sever, Harmer, A.H. Brewster, A. Fraser, R.I. Smith, Phaneuf,  
and S. Fraser.

The Program was as follows:

OPERATIVE CLINIC -- 9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Arthroplasty of the Knee                           | - - - - - | Dr. W.R. MacAusland   |
| Supravaginal Hysterectomy-Uterine Myomata, 2 cases | -         | Dr. Louis E. Phaneuf  |
| Vaginal Plastics                                   | - - - - - | Dr. Louis E. Phaneuf  |
| Appendectomy                                       | - - - - - | Dr. A. McK. Fraser    |
| Exploration & suture of Median Nerve Right Hand-   | -         | Dr. William E. Browne |
| Fusion of Lumbar Sacral Spine                      | - - - - - | Dr. Harold G. Lee     |

DRY CLINIC -- 11:30 - 12:30 P.M.

|                                                                                 |                       |
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| "Discussion of Several Unusual Cases"                                           | Dr. Roger C. Graves   |
| "Some Results of X-ray Therapy in Malignant Metas-<br>tases of Bones"           | Dr. Charles Whelan    |
| "End Results of Median and Ulnar Nerve Lesions in<br>Forearm and Hand Injuries" | Dr. William E. Browne |

Respectfully submitted,

*Hauley W. Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIFTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
American Academy of Arts and Sciences on Tuesday  
evening, April 6, at 8:15 P.M.

The following members were present: SENIORS: Dr. Rushmore.  
ACTIVE: Drs. E.D. Churchill, Clute, E.C. Cutler, G.D. Cutler,  
Daland, Faxon, A.McK. Fraser, S. Fraser, Fine, Hayden, Herman,  
Horrox, Hutchins, Ingraham, Ladd, Leland, Loder, Lund, Meigs,  
C.G. Mixter, W.J. Mixter, F.S. Newton, H.F. Newton, Nowak, Parsons,  
Putnam, Quinby, Riley, Rogers, Simmons, R.I. Smith, Smithwick,  
Taylor, White, Whitaker, Young, Lanman.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was omitted.  
The secretary read obituary reports on Dr. Greenough prepared by  
Dr. F.S. Newell and on Dr. Conant prepared by Dr. R.F. O'Neil.  
These reports were accepted by the Society and it was voted that  
they be spread on the records and a copy be sent to the family of  
the deceased members.

The paper of the evening was presented by Dr. George J. Heuer on  
"Surgery in Vascular Hypertension".

This paper was discussed by Drs. Smithwick, Elliott Cutler, and Nowak;  
and also Drs. Riock, Palmer, and Poppen who were guests of the Society.

A rising vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Heuer for his presentation  
and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M. Light refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,

*Granley W. Taylor*  
Secretary



In the death of Dr. Robert B. Greenough the medical profession has lost one of its real leaders. Born in Cambridge, he received his early education in Boston, and then entered Harvard, receiving his A.B. degree cum laude in 1892, and his M.D. degree, also cum laude, in 1896.

He served as Surgical House Pupil at the Massachusetts General Hospital and also served for a few months on one of the Medical Services, filling a vacancy caused by illness.

After a short period of study in Vienna he returned to Boston and entered private practice, becoming the private assistant to Dr. John Collins Warren.

In 1900 he was appointed to the Staff of the Massachusetts General Hospital as Surgeon to Out-Patients and served the Hospital up to the time of his death, becoming Visiting Surgeon in 1916, and a member of the Board of Consultation in 1932 when he was retired by the age limit.

He was appointed Assistant in Surgery at the Harvard Medical School in 1901, becoming Assistant Professor in 1910, a position which he held until his retirement from active teaching in 1932.

He served as a member of the Cancer Commission of Harvard University for many years becoming Director and Surgeon-in-Chief to the Collis P. Huntington Memorial Hospital.

With the late Dr. George Bigelow he took a major part in the organization of the Pondville Hospital. Shortly before his death he was elected as one of the Board of Managers of the Memorial Hospital for the Treatment of Cancer and Allied Diseases in New York City.

War Service: He went abroad with the first Harvard Unit in 1915 as Surgeon and Executive Officer and served three months at the American Ambulance Hospital at Neuilly-sur-Seine. In 1916 he joined the Medical Corps of the United State Naval Reserve, being assigned to duty, when this country entered the World War, at the Chelsea Naval Hospital as Surgeon-in-Chief. He was retired at the close of the war with the rank of Commander, Medical Corps, U.S.N.R.F.

He was very active in medical societies and showed unusual ability as an executive and organizer with the result that he was elected to high office in several of them, notably the American College of Surgeons, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Society for the Control of Cancer, and the Boston Surgical Society, of each of which he was president.

He published many articles on surgical subjects in various journals. In the early part of his career his writing dealt with various phases of surgery, but as time went on his interest centered more and more in cancer and the allied diseases and this was of course reflected in his writings. He was recognized throughout the country as one of the authorities in the study of cancer and his private practice consisted almost entirely of work in this department of surgery. In his later years he wrote many articles dealing with various phases of medical economics, a field which interested him intensely. He was an indefatigable worker and never spared himself even after



his health began to fail.

As a teacher he was clear and forceful and won the respect and affection of his students. He was largely instrumental in the training of an efficient group of younger men to whom he was an inspiration and who can be depended on to carry on his work in the same spirit, that of public service.

He had an extremely attractive personality and made and kept many friends, both in and out of the medical profession, and his absolute honesty gained for him universal respect. It will be difficult, if not impossible, to fill his place.

Franklin S. Newell



William Merritt Conant died suddenly in Boston on February 18, 1937 of a heart attack, in his eighty-second year.

He was born in Attleboro, January 5, 1856, the son of Ira M. and Mary F. (Bassett) Conant, a direct descendant of Roger Conant, one of the pioneer settlers of Salem, Massachusetts.

He prepared for college at Adams Academy, Quinby, and was graduated from Harvard in 1879, and from the Harvard Medical School in 1884. He was Surgical House Pupil, Massachusetts General Hospital, 1883-84. On April 17, 1891 he was appointed Surgeon to the Out-Patient Department, Massachusetts General Hospital, which position he held until 1900, when he was made Visiting Surgeon to the South Surgical Service. In 1911 this service was discontinued and he was transferred to the West Service until his retirement, February 1914, when he was appointed to the Board of Consultation. In 1928 he was made Honorary Surgeon, which position he held until his death.

He also served at various times on the staff of the Boston Dispensary, St. Elizabeth's and the Carney Hospitals, and was consultant at numerous other hospitals throughout New England.

From 1890-96 he taught Anatomy in the Harvard Medical School and his private "quiz" classes are well remembered by the men who were students at that period.

From 1913-16 he was Professor of Clinical Surgery at the Tufts Medical School.

Dr. Conant always had an active interest in the training and organization of the nursing profession, and was largely instrumental in forming the Nurses' Club of which he was President for twenty-five years.

He was a Founder of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Boston Surgical Society, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and the American Society of Anatomists. His social affiliations included membership in the Harvard, Algonquin, and Country Clubs of Boston.

He was a prominent member of the Episcopal Church, and particularly active in the affairs of Emanuel Church, and later of St. Paul's Cathedral, where he was president of the Lawrence Men's Club, and a prime mover in the Neighborhood Kitchen.

While not an extensive writer, he was a good speaker and a clear and forceful teacher. He was an exceptionally well grounded anatomist and a skilful and rapid operator. He was one of the most resourceful of the abdominal surgeons of his day, and was equal to any emergency in any circumstances. His ability and adaptability were never better shown than when faced with some acute surgical condition in a remote farmhouse, operating on a kitchen table by the light of a kerosene lamp, a type of surgery which is practically unknown today.

He was physically tireless, and a schedule of six or more major operations referred to by him as "field day" was of no uncommon occurrence. One of his outstanding achievements was the skill and speed with which he performed



supravaginal hysterectomy.

Perhaps his greatest medical contribution came through his life-long interest in althetics, especially football. In 1890 he undertook the training and physical care of the Harvard football team, the first M.D. to hold such a position in the country. His establishment of a heated shelter for the players between the halves, and prompt handling of acute injuries were immediately widely adopted and were the foundations of the present medical care of athletic teams. He continued to have charge of the Harvard team for several years, and his personal interest in the individual players made him one of the best known Harvard men of his time.

In his later years he became much interested in curling. This interest will be perpetuated in the Conant Cup given in his honor and put into yearly competition at the Country Club on his eightieth birthday.

He was by nature genial and young at heart, and the esteem and affection in which he was held by the succeeding groups of younger men who can in contact with him either professionally or socially is best known by the fact that he was universally spoken of as "Uncle Bill".

He married Mary A. Bennett of Boston in 1884, who died in 1936. Two daughters, three sons and a brother survive him.

Richard F. O'Neil

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON APRIL 9, 1937, AT THE  
PETER BENT BRIGHAM HOSPITAL.

There were present: Drs. Quinby, Simmons, Chute, Munro  
and Taylor.

Dr. Painter's appeal from the Medical Library was discussed  
and it was decided to take no action on it until the Fall  
when all expenses incurred with the awarding of the Bigelow  
Medal have been paid.

It was decided to defer until the Fall discussion as to the  
best way of improving the attendance and dealing with members  
apparently not interested in the meetings.

The place of the Bigelow medal award was discussed and it was  
the general opinion that the best place would be the Isabelle  
Stewart Gardner Museum if satisfactory arrangements could be  
made to hold it there. If not, it was suggested the dormitory  
be considered using the Common Hall and the Dining Room.

It was suggested that there be some form of reception and  
collation in connection with the presentation and the general  
opinion seemed to be averse to a large formal dinner of the  
whole society.

It was felt that the mailing list was too long and would have  
to be suitably limited especially as regards guests.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hauntly W. Taylor*  
Secretary



# THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY

requests the honour of your presence at

The Boston Medical Library

on Friday, May 21, at 8.30 p.m.

on the occasion of the presentation of the

*Henry Jacob Bigelow Medal*

to EDWARD W. ARCHIBALD

B.A., M.D., C.M., F.R.C.S., (ENGLAND) HON.

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A reception will follow the ceremony

R. S. V. P.

Dr. Grantley W. Taylor, Secretary

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THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIXTH MEETING

of the Boston Surgical Society was held on Friday evening, May 21, 1937, in the John Ware Hall of the Boston Medical Library.

The eighth awarding of the Henry Jacob Bigelow Medal took place. The meeting was attended by the members of the Society and their guests.

Dr. Quinby presided and presented a discourse on the origin and early days of McGill University and its influence on the development of Canadian medicine. The medal was awarded to Dr. Edward W. Archibald of Montreal, who addressed the Society on the subject of "French Surgery in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century". He traced the influence of the French surgeons on the development of American surgery as exemplified by the life of Henry Jacob Bigelow.

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Following the meeting a reception was held in the Holmes Hall of the Library and a collation was served.

Respectfully submitted,

*Montley W. Taylor*

Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 1937, AT THE  
PETER BENT BRIGHAM HOSPITAL.

There were present: Drs. Quinby, Ober, Simmons, Munro,  
Newton, Miller and Taylor.

Dr. J.C. White was nominated as a member of the Council  
to succeed Dr. A.W. Allen.

Dr. Quinby announced that the following men had expressed  
a willingness to have their names placed on the senior list:  
Drs. Barney, Hepburn, Homans, Hutchins, Kazanjian and Lahey.

Careful consideration was given to a list of twenty-three  
names of persons proposed for membership. Many of these were  
names which were proposed and passed over in previous years.  
It was agreed after a discussion to propose for membership  
the following names: Drs. J.S. Barr, M.K. Bartlett,  
R.R. Linton, J.A. Seth and R.H. Wallace.

It was moved and passed that Dr. Edward W. Archibald be  
proposed for honorary membership in the Society.

Dr. Quinby raised the question as to whether a contribution  
could be made to the Boston Medical Library and it was moved  
and voted that a contribution should be made from the Bigelow  
Fund, the amount to be determined by the amount of available  
funds and by the decision of the President and the Secretary.

The question of an annual meeting with the Philadelphia and  
New York Academies was discussed following the suggestion  
from the Philadelphia group received last May. It was agreed  
that our group would be opposed to such a meeting for the  
reasons stated in Dr. Brown's letter and in the reply sent to  
Dr. Brown last May. The prospect of inviting the Philadelphia  
group to Boston for our February meeting was discussed and it  
was advised that it be presented to the Society for action at  
the December meeting with the recommendation of favorable action  
from the Council.

It was agreed to hold a joint meeting of the Society with the  
Suffolk County Medical Society on April 20, 1938.

It was proposed that the scientific part of the meeting in  
December be devoted to a talk on "Pulmonary Embolism" and that  
Dr. John Homans be invited to draft the program for such a meeting.  
It was agreed that the Academy of Arts & Sciences on Newbury Street  
was a satisfactory place to hold meetings. It was agreed to hold  
the December meeting there if the hall is available.

Respectfully submitted,

*Granville W. Taylor*  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVENTH MEETING

of The Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
Free Hospital for Women on Thursday morning,  
November 4, 1937.

The following members were present: Drs. M.Green, Smithwick, Simmons,  
R.F.O'Neil, Quinby, Clute, Horrax, Hutchins, Daland, Cheever, Barney,  
Whitaker, R.I.Smith, G.D.Cutler, A.Fraser, Reggio, Fine, Macomber, Taylor,  
Homans, Hodgson, F.S.Newton, H.F.Newton, Parsons, Cattell, Sheehan, Rogers,  
Kimpton, Phaneuf, H.Marble, G.W.W.Brewster, G.VanS.Smith, Pemberton and  
H.Stevens.

The Program was as follows:

OPERATIVE CLINIC -- 9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Operation for Prolapse - - - - - Dr. Frank A. Pemberton

Hysterectomy for Leiomyoma of Uterus - - - Dr. George V. Smith

DRY CLINIC -- 10:00 - 12:00 P.M.

"Radium Injury to the Intestine and Bladder Dr. Frank A. Pemberton  
Following Treatment for Carcinoma of the Cervix"

"Total Urinary Estrogen, Estrone and Estriol Dr. George V. Smith  
during a Menstrual Cycle and a Pregnancy"

"The Electrical Signs of Human Ovulation" Dr. John Rock

"Plastic Operation for Prolapse; A Moving Dr. Paul A. Younge  
Picture"

Respectfully submitted,

*Mauley W. Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHTH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of The Boston Surgical Society was held at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on Monday evening, December 6, at 8 P.M.

The following members were present: SENIORS: Drs. Cheever and Rushmore. ACTIVE: Drs. J.D.Barney, A.D.Brewster, E.G.Crabtree, E.C.Cutler, G.D.Cutler, E.M.Daland, H.H.Faxon, S.Fraser, J.Fine, M.C.Green, G.E.Haggart, E.P.Hayden, J.J.Hepburn, J.Homans, G.Horrax, H.T.Hutchins, F.D.Ingraham, A.Kimpton, W.E.Ladd, T.H.Lanman, G.A.Leland, Jr., H.B.Loder, H.C.Marble, L.S.McKittrick, C.G.Mixter, F.S.Newton, H.F.Newton, F.R.Ober, R.E.O'Neil, C.L.Parsons, W.C.Quinby, A.W.Reggio, A.Riley, H.Rogers, C.C.Simmons, G.G.Smith, G.V.S.Smith, R.I.Smith, G.W.Taylor, I.J.Walker, L.R.Whitaker, E.L.Young, Jr.

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted; the auditors' report was submitted and accepted.

It was voted to invite the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery to be our guests at a joint meeting of the two societies to be held in Boston in February - preferably on Monday, February 7.

It was voted that the annual dues for the coming year should be five dollars.

Dr. James C. White was unanimously elected a Member of the Executive Council to serve for a term of five years.

Dr. Edward W. Archibald was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Society.

The following men were elected to Active Membership in the Society:

Dr. J.S.Barr  
Dr. M.K.Bartlett  
Dr. R.R.Linton  
Dr. J.A.Seth  
Dr. R.H.Wallace

Dr. McKittrick presented an appreciation of the late Dr. Daniel Fiske Jones. It was voted to spread this appreciation on the records of the Society and to send a copy to the deceased's family.

The subject of the evening was "Thrombosis" presented by Dr. John Homans and Dr. Charles H. Best of Toronto. Following active discussion a rising vote of thanks was attended to Dr. Best for his presentation.

Light refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned about 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*G. W. Taylor*

Secretary



Daniel Fiske Jones came of a pioneer family. Settling in Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1935 his paternal ancestors later emigrated to the banks of the St. Croix River, then westward to Minnesota where his grandfather settled in what has since become Minneapolis. Here on June 2, 1868 Dr. Jones was born - the son of George Edward and Emma Maria (Hall) Jones. Educated in the Minneapolis public schools, he entered Harvard College at the age of 20, receiving his A.B. degree in 1892 and his M.D. degree four years later.

In 1897, after a surgical internship at the Massachusetts General Hospital, he began the practice of surgery as assistant to Dr. Maurice Howe Richardson.

Two years later he married Mary Haughton Richardson of Brookline. She and their three children, Alison (Mrs. Charles A. Coolidge), Beatrice (Mrs. J. Vaughan Merrick), and Daniel Fiske Junior survive him.

Dr. Jones' surgical career was an unusually active one from its beginning to its end. Strong of body and mind, keen and alert, he profited to the utmost from his association with Dr. Richardson. This wealth of experience and the superb teaching of so great a man did much to stimulate and develop a clinical sense which is equalled by few. His ability to piece together the pertinent parts of a patient's disorganized story, his own physical findings, and the available laboratory evidence to form a logical, clear cut picture never failed to incite the profound admiration of those associated with him. Technically he was not a showman, but worked with a quiet efficiency and a keen perception of each patient's ability to withstand the particular procedure he had elected to carry out.

To you here, all of whom knew him well, most of whom have worked with him and many under him, little need or should be said of his years of devotion to the Massachusetts General Hospital, beginning when he was appointed Surgeon to Out-Patients in 1903 and continuing well beyond his retirement in 1928 as Chief of the East Surgical Service. Neither need we dwell on his part in the development of the New England Deaconess and Palmer Memorial Hospitals, on his many written contributions to surgery, or on his services to the Allied cause during the war. He accepted his many honors with a quiet appreciation, giving little outward evidence of how much they meant to him. Without question, however, his election to the Board of Overseers of Harvard College in 1932 and to the Presidency of the American Surgical Association in 1933 affected him deeply.

Although his surgical interests were manifold, Dr. Jones' greatest influence has been felt in the development of the management of cancer of the rectum. He was given the assignment of cancer of the rectum at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1914. He early recognized that improvement in the results obtained demanded not only improved surgical technique, but also the education and training of the general practitioner in New England: first to make an earlier diagnosis, and secondly to accept the permanent colostomy as essential to the adequate treatment of most patients with this disease. From his early association with this work until his last public appearance before the American Proctologic Society in June 1937, he carried on a relentless campaign. How successful he had been, not even he himself ever fully realized. It would seem fitting that it be incorporated here:



Between 1914 and 1919 six senior surgeons at the Massachusetts General Hospital were able to do a radical operation upon 31 per cent of the 127 patients with carcinoma of the rectum who were admitted to the Hospital. Their mortality was 38.4 per cent. Dr. Jones himself did most of these operations. In the last two years, 94 patients have been admitted to this same hospital with cancer of the rectum, 62 per cent of these patients have received the benefit of a radical operation with a mortality of only 10.3 per cent; and instead of a small group of surgeons being adequately trained to undertake the procedure, eighteen different men from the grade of surgical resident to surgeon-in-chief have done these operations, no one man doing more than eight. Or, stated in a more direct way, only one patient in five who entered the Massachusetts General Hospital in the early years of this work left the hospital alive after removal of his growth. Twenty years of educating a community and training young surgeons gives every other patient the chance to live.

Among his patients and his acquaintances, both professional and non-professional, Dr. Jones had a host of devoted admirers. The more intimately one knew him the more one felt the influence of those fundamental characteristics which were his - honesty and unselfish devotion to his ideals, to his friends, and to his patients. That he was critical there can be no doubt, but never unjustly so and never so critical of others as of himself. He spoke openly at staff meetings of his own mistakes and was intolerant of younger men on the hospital staff who failed to profit by them but learned only after they too had travelled the same road.

It is not strange that a life so devoted to its profession should find so little time for relaxation. Dr. Jones never really learned to play. His love of the outdoors found expression in his annual trips to the woods of Quebec for fishing and hunting. In more recent years he undoubtedly enjoyed the greatest relaxation he had known in shooting quail with some of his more intimate friends, and only last spring he expressed a profound regret that he had waited until so late in life to take this up.

Enjoying unusual physical strength up to a few years ago, he continued actively in the practice of surgery until within six months of his death. Early in 1937 and much against his will, he accepted the inevitable and agreed to stop operating. He carried on a consulting practice throughout the spring and so enjoyed the annual meeting of the American Surgical Association in June of this year that he could not resist the temptation to be a member of the group of the Society of Clinical Surgery who made a clinical trip to the Scandinavian countries in July. Fully realizing the risks incurred but preferring to accept these risks rather than forego the associations which meant so much to him, he became a member of the party. Stricken with what proved to be his final illness just after their arrival, he spent the entire time either in the hospital in Gothenburg or in his hotel room in London, returning to America on the same boat with the other members of the party. He was taken directly to the Phillips House where he gradually failed and, early on the morning of September 11, 1937, died in the institution to which he had given so much of his time and to whose interests he was so devoted.

Leland S. McKittrick



THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINTH MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
Boston Lying-In Hospital on Thursday morning,  
January 27, 1938.

The following members were present: Drs. Brewster, Daland, Rogers,  
Irving, Fine, Sowles, Reggio, E.G.Cutler, G.C.Cutler, Ladd, Lanman,  
Green, R.F.O'Neil, Macomber, R.I.Smith, Hutchins, Faxon, Simmons,  
E.E.O'Neil, Quinby, Taylor, Thorndike, Cattell, Cheever, Morrison,  
H.Newton, Hodgson, Parsons, and Seth.

The Program was as follows:

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| 9:30 a.m.  | - Placenta Previa                                            | Dr. M. Fletcher Eades  |
| 9:45 a.m.  | - Premature Separation of the<br>Normally Implanted Placenta | Dr. Charles P. Sheldon |
| 10:00 a.m. | - Cesarean Section                                           | Dr. H. Bristol Nelson  |
| 10:15 a.m. | - Placenta Accreta                                           | Dr. Arthur T. Hertig   |
| 10:30 a.m. | - Pernicious Vomiting                                        | Dr. Harold M. Teel     |
| 10:45 a.m. | - Diabetes and Pregnancy                                     | Dr. David Hurwitz      |
| 11:00 a.m. | - Maternal Mortality at the Boston<br>Lying-In Hospital      | Dr. Judson Smith       |

Respectfully submitted,

*Gauthey W. Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED FORTIETH MEETING

of The Boston Surgical Society was held here in Boston on February 28, 1938 in conjunction with the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery.

There were thirty men present as guests from Philadelphia. Including our guests seventy-six men attended the luncheon and eighty-four attended the dinner.

The Program presented was as indicated on the following page.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wentley W. Taylor*  
Secretary

# The Boston Surgical Society

*Incorporated*



There will be a combined meeting of The Boston Surgical Society and the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery on Monday, February 28, 1938, in Boston.

## PROGRAM

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Operative Clinics at the various hospitals.

1:00 p.m. Luncheon Harvard Club

Afternoon Session: Peter Bent Brigham Hospital Amphitheatre

All communications are limited to 10 minutes; the discussion to 5 minutes.

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| 2:00 p.m. | Dr. Jacob Fine                     | The inhalation of oxygen in intestinal obstruction.      |
|           |                                    | Discussed by Dr. G. C. Engel and Dr. Lockwood.           |
| 2:15 "    | Dr. Augustus Thorndike, Jr.        | A light and waterproof cast.                             |
|           |                                    | Discussed by Dr. L. K. Ferguson.                         |
| 2:30 "    | Dr. Tracy J. Putnam                | The surgery of hydrocephalus.                            |
|           |                                    | Discussed by Dr. Grant.                                  |
| 2:45 "    | Dr. Elliott C. Cutler              | The effect of total thyroidectomy on diabetes insipidus. |
|           |                                    | Discussed by Dr. F. A. Bothe.                            |
| 3:00 "    | Dr. Arthur W. Allen                | The technique of total gastrectomy.                      |
|           |                                    | Discussed by Dr. T. A. Shallow and Dr. Lahey.            |
| 3:15 "    | Dr. William E. Ladd                | Results in 400 cases of intussusception.                 |
|           |                                    | Discussed by Dr. H. P. Brown, Jr.                        |
| 3:30 "    | Dr. Charles J. Mixer               | Regional ileitis.                                        |
|           |                                    | Discussed by Dr. W. E. Lee.                              |
| 3:45 "    | Dr. Frank H. Lahey                 | Problems in common duct surgery.                         |
|           |                                    | Discussed by Dr. D. B. Pfeiffer.                         |
| 4:00 "    | Dr. Robert R. Linton               | Communicating veins and ulcer.                           |
|           |                                    | Discussed by Dr. J. P. North.                            |
| 4:15 "    | Dr. John Homans                    | Post phlebitic induration and ulcer.                     |
| 4:30 "    | Dr. Channing C. Simmons            | End results of bone sarcoma.                             |
| 4:45 "    | Dr. Champ Lyons<br>(by invitation) | Practical immunology of staphylococcus infections.       |
|           |                                    | Discussed by Dr. Lockwood.                               |
| 7:00 p.m. | Dinner                             | (informal dress) Harvard Club                            |

GRANTLEY W. TAYLOR  
Secretary

WILLIAM C. QUINBY  
President



THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIRST MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held at  
the Deaconess Hospital on Monday morning,  
March 21, 1938.

The following members were present: Drs. Homans, Ladd, Brewster, Whitaker, Green, F. Newton, R.I. Smith, Rogers, Wallace, G. Cutler, Morrison, Taylor, Hayden, Overholt, Haggart, Lahey, Sheehan, Munro, Seth, Loder, Thorndike, Walker, Kimpton, and Reggio.

The Program was as follows:

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| 8:00 a.m.  | - Primary hyperthyroidism;<br>left subtotal hemithyroidectomy<br>second stage.                                             | Dr. S.F. Marshall                    |
| 8:00 a.m.  | - Bilateral varicose veins;<br>bilateral ligation and injection<br>of saphenous veins.                                     | Dr. H.D. Adams                       |
| 9:00 a.m.  | - Brain tumor suspect; craniotomy.                                                                                         | Dr. G. Horrax                        |
| 9:00 a.m.  | - Duodenal ulcer; subtotal<br>gastric resection and transfusion.                                                           | Dr. S.F. Marshall                    |
| 9:00 a.m.  | - Excision of gland beneath angle of<br>jaw, right; ? tuberculosis.                                                        | Dr. H.D. Adams                       |
| 10:00 a.m. | - Esophageal diverticulum; second<br>stage removal.                                                                        | Dr. F.H. Lahey                       |
| 11:00 a.m. | - ? Chondrosarcoma left chestwall,<br>bilateral subungual exostosis;<br>biopsy of chest tumor; ? excision<br>of exostosis. | Dr. H.D. Adams &<br>Dr. G.E. Haggart |
| 11:30 a.m. | - Primary hyperthyroidism;<br>subtotal thyroidectomy.                                                                      | Dr. F.H. Lahey                       |
| 12:30 a.m. | - Adenomatous goiter;<br>subtotal thyroidectomy.                                                                           | Dr. N.W. Swinton                     |

DRY CLINIC:

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| "Hyperthyroidism"                                                                             | Dr. F.H. Lahey    |
| "Liver Function"                                                                              |                   |
| "Blood Iodine Studies"                                                                        |                   |
| "Surgical Treatment of Menieres Syndrome"                                                     | Dr. G. Horrax     |
| "The Syndrome of Anemia, Glossitis, Dysphagia in<br>Cancer of the Mouth and Pharynx in Women" | Dr. C.C. Franseen |
| "Posterior Herniation of the Knee Joint"                                                      | Dr. G.E. Haggart  |
| "Subtotal Resection of Stomach for Peptic Ulcer"                                              | Dr. S.F. Marshall |

Respectfully submitted,

*Grantley W. Taylor*  
Secretary

Between THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIRST MEETING and THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND MEETING of The Boston Surgical Society by a vote by letter the Executive Council declared an assessment of three dollars on each of the active members of the Society to help defray expenses incurred in the Philadelphia meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Grattley W. Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held in  
conjunction with the Suffolk County District  
Medical Society at the Boston Medical Library  
on April 20, at 8:15 p.m.

Following the business meeting of the Suffolk County Society,  
Dr. Quinby presided.

Dr. William R. Morrison read an obituary on Dr. Frederick Jay Cotton  
and it was moved that this tribute be spread on the records of the  
Society and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

The paper of the evening was "Trauma Incident to Sport and Recreation:  
Diagnosis and Treatment" by Dr. Augustus Thorndike, Jr. The paper was  
discussed by Drs. B.A. Godvin, H.H. Faxon, and C.C. Lund.

Motion duly made and seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wentley W. Taylor*  
Secretary



The Boston Surgical Society has recently lost one of its most distinguished senior members, Dr. Frederic Jay Cotton.

Born in Prescott, Wisconsin, 68 years ago, son of Potter and Isabella Cole Cotton, Dr. Cotton was educated at Harvard College, A.B. 1890 and A.M. 1894, Harvard Medical School M.D. 1894. He became a surgical interne at the Massachusetts General Hospital and then he studied in Vienna and visited various European clinics for two years.

He was next appointed a Visiting Surgeon at the Boston City Hospital. Dr. Cotton advanced through the various grades of out-patient and house rank, becoming Senior Surgeon-in-Chief, Chairman of the Surgical Staff, and subsequently Consulting Surgeon, in which positions he served faithfully and well for many years.

Dr. Cotton practised general surgery in his early years, but later in his career, he became interested in fractures, bone and joint surgery, industrial and plastic surgery. His many valuable contributions to medical literature in this field of surgery are indeed a monument to his skill and ingenuity.

His text book on "Fractures and Dislocations" has been used throughout the country as a standard by countless students and members of the profession; Dr. Cotton personally drew practically all of his illustrations. His own vast experience, and his progressive views, derived from an extensive practice, were ably expressed in his writings.

Dr. Cotton established the Bone & Joint Service at the Boston City Hospital, becoming the first Surgeon-in-Chief of the Sixth Surgical Service. At this time he limited his operating to bone and joint cases exclusively, and for many years he personally followed up his patients in the Out-Patient Department.

Dr. Cotton was particularly interested in hip fractures, and he was one of the first surgeons to abduct the leg and artificially impact the broken hip.

Cotton's fracture of the ankle was ably described by him many years ago, and his classification of ankle fractures has been widely accepted.

Long before the World War, Dr. Cotton's advanced ideas permitted him to evacuate infected joints, and suture them without drainage, which was an unheard of procedure at that time.

Dr. Cotton served his country with distinction in the Spanish War, and in the World War, being commissioned a Major in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army. He was appointed Surgeon-in-Chief of the Walter Reed Hospital, and subsequently acted in the same capacity in Boston at the Elks Reconstruction Hospital. He was also an assistant, and a valued advisor, the the Surgeon-General.

He originated novel methods of operating; he was one of the first surgeons in the country to recognize the disabling character of fractures of the wrist and of the os calsis, and their correction. Acute flexion position for elbow injuries, and internal fixation for fractures were early advocated by Dr. Cotton.

He was a pioneer in creating modern gas-oxygen machines for anesthesia, in conjunction with Dr. Boothby. The modern Gwathmey and Forreger machines are patterned after Dr. Cotton's ideas.



Dr. Cotton was Surgeon-in-Chief for many years at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, and he was a teacher of surgery at both Harvard and Tufts Medical Schools. He was also a Visiting Surgeon for some time at the Children's Hospital in Boston.

As a Founder and Member of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons, and of the American Board of Surgery, Dr. Cotton exerted a great amount of influence in raising the standards of surgery, and of hospitals in America. He was also a senior member of the American Surgical Association, and of the American Orthopedic Association.

Dr. Cotton's versatility is evident as shown by his excellent work in sculpture, etching, water-color and oil painting. As a charter member, he founded the Boston Physician's Art Society and arranged their annual exhibits.

A wife, Jane Baldwin Cotton, and a daughter survive him, as well as two grandchildren.

Dr. Cotton endeared himself to his countless patients and associates because of his unfailing good nature, kindly advice, and generous help to those in trouble. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, and to freely give invaluable advice to the younger generation.

Of powerful build, impressive appearance, and commanding personality, Dr. Cotton combined many rare qualities which resulted in making him a skillful and successful surgeon of national reputation.

William R. Morrison



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 1938, AT THE  
PETER BENT BRIGHAM HOSPITAL.

There were present: Drs. Quinby, Simmons, Newton, Munro,  
and Taylor.

Possible amendments to the constitution were discussed, designed  
to create additional places for members. The idea of increasing  
the membership to one hundred was considered and for the moment  
deferred.

It was felt that Section 3 of Article III of the By-Laws might  
be modified to permit members delinquent in dues to be put on  
the inactive list rather than obligatorily dropped from member-  
ship.

Article IV, Section 5, was also discussed and it was decided that  
this section should be amended to permit members failing from  
attendance at meetings regularly to be put on the Senior or in-  
active list.

The possibility of election of individuals in related fields in  
medicine, such as pathologists and radiologists, was considered.  
Possibly such individuals could be added as Associate Members of  
the Society.

These constitutional amendments are to be drafted and resubmitted  
for further consideration.

The invitation of the Philadelphia group for a meeting on March 6,  
1939, was discussed and it was felt that perhaps it would be wise  
to omit a joint meeting this year. It was suggested that an  
attempt be made to sound out the Philadelphia men informally in  
regard to this policy.

A Nominating Committee for officers for the coming year was named  
consisting of Dr. Homans, Chairman, Dr. Lanman, and Dr. Meigs.  
Various candidates were briefly considered and discussed.

An Auditing Committee was appointed consisting of Drs. Allen and  
Smith-Petersen.

It was considered that a suitable subject for the December meeting  
would consist in a symposium on "Progress in Radiation Therapy in  
Malignant Disease of the Bladder and Cervix" and it was tentatively  
suggested that this symposium should be conducted by Drs. Meigs and  
Colby with Drs. Dresser and Holmes participating by invitation.

It was agreed to recommend to the Society that dues at five dollars  
be assessed for the coming year.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gauntley W. Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY THIRD MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
Boston City Hospital on Monday morning,  
November 7, 1938.

The following members were present: SENIORS: Drs. Homans, F.B.Lund, Hepburn, Cheever, Barney, Binney, and G.W.W.Brewster. ACTIVE: Drs. O'Neil, Nowak, F.S.Newton, H.L.Newton, Cattell, Faxon, Taylor, Quinby, Hermann, Kimpton, Walker, Morrison, Clute, Lanman, Linton, Sever, Fine, Riley, Reggio, G.D.Cutler, Ladd, Daland, Phaneuf, C.C.Lund, Hayden, Smithwick, R.I.Smith, Simmons, Churchill, White, Green, Loder, Cochrane, Wallace, Putnam, W.J.Mixter, C.D.Mixter.

After operations by members of the staff, the following program was presented:

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| A Case of Synovioma.                                              | Dr. O.J. Hermann                          |
| Cases of Chylothorax Treated by Phrenic Nerve Paralysis.          | Dr. S.J.G. Nowak                          |
| Congenital Arterio-Venous Fistula.                                | Dr. E.E. O'Neil                           |
| Cases of Gastric Surgery.                                         | Dr. W.R. Morrison                         |
| An Interesting Case of Lymphogranuloma of the Axilla.             | Dr. Moroni (H.O. on Dr.Kimpton's Service) |
| What about Vitamin C?                                             | Dr. C.C. Lund                             |
| Choledocho-duodenal Anastamosis.                                  | Dr. I.J. Walker                           |
| Hernia of Bladder Through the Urethra.                            | Dr. A. Riley                              |
| Operation for Athetosis and Paralysis Agitans.<br>Moving Picture. | Dr. T.J. Putnam                           |

Following the formal meeting exercises were held, dedicating the Cheever Amphitheatre. Mr. Carl Dreyfus spoke for the Trustees and Drs. Fred B. Lund and David Cheever made addresses.

Respectfully submitted,

*Phantley W. Taylor*  
Secretary

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 1938, AT THE  
PETER BENT BRIGHAM HOSPITAL.

There were present: Drs. Quinby, Simmons, Miller, F.C. Newton, White, Ober, and Taylor.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the nominations for officers for the coming year were approved; to wit:

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| President:                       | Dr. William E. Ladd    |
| Vice-President:                  | Dr. Robert C. Cochrane |
| Secretary-Treasurer:             | Dr. Grantley W. Taylor |
| Member of the Executive Council: | Dr. Louis E. Phaneuf   |

It was announced that Drs. C.C. Simmons and G.G. Smith had both voluntarily accepted status on the senior list of members.

The status of Dr. D.F. Mahoney was discussed and it was decided that his place should be considered as a vacancy in arranging for new members. Then after the passage of the proposed amendments it might be desirable to consider offering him status on the inactive list provided he should pay up his dues.

There was considerable discussion in regard to the proposed amendments, especially in regard to the definition of an associate member. It was felt that this could be worded to permit the inclusion in this category physicians in specialties such as obstetrics, nose and throat, ophthalmology and perhaps orthopedics. It was felt that associate members should pay dues and that it should be possible for them to be transferred to active membership if vacancies existed. With these suggestions it was voted to approve the new amendments essentially as follows:

Article II, Section 1. There shall be four classes of members, active, inactive or senior, associate, and honorary. The number of active members shall be limited to seventy-five.

Article II, Section 3. An active member shall automatically become a senior or inactive member at that age at which such member's active hospital work ceases. An active member may also become a senior or inactive member as described below in Art. III, Sec. 3, and in Art. IV, Sec. 5. Senior or inactive members shall not vote and shall not pay dues but may take part in the scientific work of the Society. Senior or inactive members shall not be eligible to office.

Article II, New Section 4. Distinguished physicians in fields closely related to general surgery may be elected to associate membership in the Society. Associate members shall pay dues and have all rights, obligations, and privileges of active members except that they shall not vote nor be eligible to office. Provided vacancies exist they may be transferred to active membership by vote of the Executive Council.

Article II, Present Section 4 to be Proposed Section 5.



Article III, Section 3. The names of members whose dues remain unpaid after three notifications, not less than one month apart, may be dropped from the roll of membership or transferred to the senior or inactive list according to the discretion of the Executive Council.

Article IV, Section 5. Active members who are consistently absent from meetings of the Society may be transferred to the senior or inactive list at the discretion of the Executive Council.

There was also considerable discussion in regard to the proposed meeting with the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery in which we were invited to participate on March 6. It was voted to approve the invitation and to recommend its acceptance to the Society at the business meeting.

The names of candidates proposed for membership were considered with care and it was decided to nominate the following candidates for active membership in the Society:

Dr. Alexander J. Campbell  
Dr. Lyman G. Richards  
Dr. John W. Spellman  
Dr. Richard H. Sweet

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Granthy W. Taylor*  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOURTH MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held at  
the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on  
Monday evening, December 5, at 8 P.M. 1934

There were present forty-six active members and six senior members.

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting. The Treasurer's report was read; it was moved and voted that it be accepted. The report of the Auditing Committee was read and it was moved and voted that this report be accepted.

Proposed constitutional amendments were discussed and voted upon in a group and accepted.

It was moved and voted that the dues for the coming year for active members be five dollars.

Dr. Quinby discussed the situation in regard to a meeting in Philadelphia on March 6, and it was moved and voted that the Society accept with thanks the invitation of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery to hold a joint meeting with them in Philadelphia on March 6.

It was moved and voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for the election of the candidates nominated for office in the Society which was done.

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| President:                       | Dr. William E. Ladd    |
| Vice-President:                  | Dr. Robert C. Cochrane |
| Secretary-Treasurer:             | Dr. Grantley W. Taylor |
| Member of the Executive Council: | Dr. Louis E. Phaneuf   |

Proposed new members were discussed by their sponsors and others and by ballot the following men were elected to Active Membership:

Dr. Alexander J. Campbell  
Dr. Lyman G. Richards  
Dr. John W. Spellman  
Dr. Richard H. Sweet

At the invitation of Dr. Quinby, Drs. Codman and Brackett instated Dr. Ladd as President of the Society and Dr. Ladd presided over the scientific session.

The scientific session consisted in a symposium on "Recent Developments in Radiation Treatment of Carcinoma of the Cervix and Bladder" with the following speakers:

Dr. Joe V. Meigs and Dr. Fletcher H. Colby  
By Invitation

Dr. Richard Dresser, Dr. Shields Warren, and Dr. George W. Holmes

Following the formal program the meeting was thrown open for discussion. After the closing discussion by Drs. Meigs and Colby, a rising vote of thanks was tendered the guest speakers of the evening.

A collation was served, following which the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Grantley W. Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIFTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
Massachusetts General Hospital on Friday morning,  
January 13, 1939.

There were present thirty-nine active members and eleven senior members.

After operations by members of the staff, the following program was  
presented:

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| Consideration in the Technique of Gastrostomy                   | Dr. R.H. Sweet          |
| Ulcerative Colitis                                              | Dr. L.S. McKittrick     |
| The Injection Treatment of Inguinal Hernia                      | Dr. H.K. Sowles         |
| Surgical Considerations of Ulcer of the<br>Stomach and Duodenum | Dr. A.W. Allen          |
| Discussion                                                      |                         |
| Arthroplasties of the Hip                                       | Dr. M.N. Smith-Petersen |
| The Technique of Total Hysterectomy                             | Dr. J.V. Meigs          |
| Segmental Pneumonectomy                                         | Dr. E.D. Churchill      |

Respectfully submitted,

*Maclay W. Taylor*  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIXTH MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held at  
the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on  
Monday evening, February 6, at 8:15 P.M.

There were present thirty-four active members and four senior members.

The following program was presented:

The Management of Compound Joint Injuries

Dr. Otto J. Hermann

The Management of Septic Joints

Dr. Frank R. Ober

Arthroplasty

Dr. Marius N. Smith-Petersen

Following the discussion, a collation was served.

Respectfully submitted,

*Granville W. Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVENTH MEETING,  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held in Philadelphia  
on March 6, 1939 in conjunction with the Philadelphia  
Academy of Surgery.

The following members were present: Drs. M.K. Bartlett, J.W. Spellman, A.R. Kington, S.J.G. Nowak, R.R. Linton, C.L. Parsons, H.H. Faxon, W.J. Mixter, W.E. Ladd, F.D. Ingraham, E.P. Hayden, E.M. Daland, R.H. Miller, R.H. Overholt, R.C. Cochrane, F.R. Ober, G.V. Smith, and G.W. Taylor.

After breakfast at the University Club the members watched operations by Drs. Grant, Eliason, and Rodman; later attending a series of short dry clinics and presentations by members of Dr. Radvin's staff.

After luncheon the scientific session was held at the Academy of Medicine with the following program:

1. Dr. Alexander Randall --- Differential Diagnosis of a Case of Abdominal Tumor.  
This was discussed by Dr. Miller.
2. Dr. J. H. Gibbon, Jr. --- Artificial Maintenance of the Circulation During Experimental Occlusion of the Pulmonary Artery, Followed by Survival.  
This was discussed by Dr. Nowak.
3. Dr. G. P. Miller --- Excision of the Distal End of the Pancreas For Sub-acute Pancreatitis.  
This was discussed by Dr. Cochrane.
4. Dr. B. F. Buzby --- Trophic Ulcer of the Plantar Surface of the Heel Secondary to Laceration of the Tendo-Achilles.  
This was discussed by Dr. Faxon.
5. Dr. J. S. Lockwood --- Some Bacteriological Considerations in Wound Healing. (By invitation)  
This was discussed by Dr. Bartlett.
6. Dr. G. E. Engle and Dr. Hans May --- The Two-Plan Direction and Range-Finder in Treatment of Fractures of the Neck of the Femur. (By invitation)  
This was discussed by Dr. Ober.
7. Dr. V. H. Moon --- Early Recognition of Shock and Its Differentiation from Hemorrhage. (By invitation)  
This was discussed by Dr. Linton.

Dinner for the combined societies was held at the Racquet Club and following dinner there was a rather general discussion of the problem of whether joint meetings should be held annually or bi-annually. It was finally held unanimous that the meetings should be held annually.

Respectfully submitted,

*G. W. Taylor*  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHTH MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held at  
the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on  
Monday evening, April 24, at 8:15 p.m.

There were present twenty-seven active members and five senior members.  
In addition to the members of the society and a few guests, a considerable  
representation of the Westchester Surgical Society was present as guests  
on the invitation of Dr. Cattell.

The following program was presented:

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| Immediate Management of Patients with Head Injuries | Dr. John S. Hodgson                       |
| Neurological Aspects of Head Injuries               | Dr. H. Houston Merritt<br>(by invitation) |
| Convalescent Care of Patients with Head Injuries    | Dr. Donald Munro                          |

The discussion was carried on by Drs. Horrax, Mixter, Putnam, and Joseph  
King of New York Bellevue Hospital. Following the discussion, a collation  
was served.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gauntly W Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY NINTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
Children's Hospital on Monday morning,  
November 6, 1939.

There were present thirty-three active members and four senior members.

After operations by members of the staff, the following program was presented:

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| Interesting Orthopedic Problems                | Dr. A.H. Brewster  |
| Presentation of Cases                          |                    |
| Duplications of the Alimentary Canal           | Dr. W.E. Ladd      |
| Neurosurgical Cases                            | Dr. F.D. Ingraham  |
| Surgical Treatment of Patent Ductus Arteriosis | Dr. R.E. Gross     |
| Repair of Burn Contractures of the Neck        | Dr. D.W. MacCollum |

Respectfully submitted,

*Chauncy W. Taylor*  
Secretary

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 1939, AT THE  
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

There were present: Drs. Ladd, Cochrane, Taylor, Monroe, Ober, and White.

Dr. Ladd announced that Dr. Cheever had expressed his willingness to write a memorial for the Society on Dr. Cushing and that Dr. Meigs should be requested to write one on Dr. Brewster.

Dr. Otto Hermann was nominated for membership on the Executive Council to succeed Dr. Munro.

It was agreed that certain of the men who were specialists in related fields should be requested to accept status as Associate Members to make room on the regular membership list for incoming members. The following men were nominated for regular membership:

Dr. Franklin G. Balch, Jr.  
Dr. David D. Berlin  
Dr. Oliver Cope  
Dr. Henry W. Hudson, Jr.  
Dr. John J. Lucy  
Dr. LeRoy A. Schall

It was further agreed not to put more of these men on the slate than there were available spaces duly created by acceptance of Associate status by regular members.

Dr. William A. Rogers and Dr. Judson A. Smith were nominated for Associate membership.

There was some discussion as to whether the Society should follow the lead of other surgical societies in insisting upon certification by the Board of Registration in Surgery or one of the other certification boards as a prerequisite for membership in the Society. No formal action was taken although it was held that consideration of board certification would be weighed by the Executive Council in selection of new members.

It was voted that the dues for the coming year should be eight dollars to defray the expense of entertaining the Philadelphia group.

The following committee was appointed to make plans for the entertainment of the Philadelphia group at a combined meeting to be held preferably in March: Drs. Taylor, Lanman, F. Newton, and E.O'Neil.

Dr. Ladd announced that Dr. Louis K. Diamond of the Children's Hospital had expressed his willingness to present a paper before the December meeting on the subject of "Medical Indications for Splenectomy" and it was suggested that the paper be discussed by Dr. Arthur R. Kimpton and



Dr. Robert R. Linton.

Dr. Ladd appointed Dr. Henry H. Faxon and Dr. Horatio Rogers to act as an Auditing Committee.

It was suggested that the American Academy of Arts & Sciences would be a suitable place to hold the annual meeting if it is available.

It was decided that a new addition of the Society booklet should be published during 1940.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gauntley W. Taylor*  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held at  
the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on  
Monday evening, December 4, 1939, at 8 P.M.

There were forty-seven active members and seven senior members present.

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted by vote. The Auditors' report was read and accepted by vote.

It was voted that dues for the coming year should be eight dollars to defray the expenses of the joint meeting with the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery.

It was voted unanimously to elect Dr. Otto J. Hermann to the Executive Council.

After some discussion it was voted to transfer the name of Dr. LeRoy A. Schall from the list of candidates for Active Membership to the list for Associate Membership.

The candidates for membership were then elected by ballot as follows:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

Dr. Franklin G. Balch, Jr.  
Dr. David D. Berlin  
Dr. Oliver Cope  
Dr. Henry W. Hudson, Jr.  
Dr. John J. Lucy

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

Dr. William A. Rogers  
Dr. LeRoy A. Schall  
Dr. Judson A. Smith

There was some discussion of the desirability of making a contribution from the Society to the Boston Medical Library and it was voted that this problem be left to the discretion of the Executive Council.

Following this Dr. Joe V. Meigs presented a memorial on Dr. G.W.W. Brewster and Dr. David Cheever presented a memorial on Dr. H. Cushing. It was voted that these memorials be spread upon the records of the Society and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

The scientific session consisted in a paper on "Medical Aspects of Splenectomy" by Dr. Louis K. Diamond (by invitation) of the Children's Hospital. The paper was discussed by Dr. Arthur R. Kimpton and Dr. Robert R. Linton.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the speaker for his paper. On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gentley W. Taylor*  
Secretary



GEORGE WASHINGTON WALES BREWSTER  
1866 - 1939.

George Washington Wales Brewster died at his home, 213 Beacon Street, Boston on September 26, 1939, in his seventy-third year. He was born in Roxbury, attended the Roxbury Latin School, and graduated from Harvard College in the class of 1889. After his graduation he attended the Harvard Medical School, graduating from there in 1893. In 1900 he was made surgeon to Out-Patients at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He served as private assistant to Dr. Maurice Richardson for some years. In 1906 he was made assistant surgeon to the Massachusetts General Hospital, and in 1914 visiting surgeon. In 1927, at the completion of twenty-seven years as a surgeon to this hospital he retired from active service and was appointed to the consulting staff.

Dr. Brewster was a member of many medical and surgical societies, including the Boston Surgical Society, the New England Surgical Society, and the American Surgical Association. He was a member of the Tavern Club, The Country Club, and the Aesculapian Club.

He is survived by his widow, Ellen Hodges Brewster, and three sons, William, George, Jr., and Henry.

Dr. Brewster was a man none of us will ever forget. Forceful, positive, quick, he was of the old school of surgeons. He was in his most delightful mood when entertaining a group of visiting surgeons in the old Amphitheatre at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He gave the visitors a great "show" and they all stayed with him to the finish. Nothing surgical was too difficult for him to undertake, and he took great delight in operating upon the desperate risk. Many a patient owes his life to Dr. Brewster's deftness and sureness. He was a born teacher and somehow the things he said will always be remembered. He had certain rules, but his quick eye could size up a patient better than the laboratory. Visits to out-of-town hospitals were a special treat to him, and before he had finished he had left his imprint upon the whole hospital staff, from the youngest nurse to the superintendent.

It was always a delight to see him at the Meetings of the American Surgical Association. Here he was surrounded by the young surgeons in whom he took such an interest. They all loved him and the meetings of that body will miss his geniality and cheerfulness.

His great friendship for Dr. Daniel F. Jones was a delight to all who knew them both. Just as different as they could be, and often on opposite sides of surgical questions, they were very close when anyone questioned the judgement or ability of the other. The death of Dr. Jones made a void in Dr. Brewster's life that was never filled. He missed his visits with him a good deal and his interest in the various surgical meetings he attended went with Dr. Jones' death.

When Dr. Brewster died a great man vanished from the Boston scene - a man who will be more missed than most of us. His place will be hard to fill for all men, young and old, were better for talking over their troubles with him. He had sound judgement in the affairs of men, and rarely is this gift approachable.

Great man, loyal friend, excellent surgeon, his going will be a great loss to the Boston Surgical Society.

Joe Vincent Meigs



## HARVEY CUSHING

A career so illustrious, so conspicuous and already so much publicized as that of Harvey Cushing needs but little from a memorialist to recall it to the members of the Boston Surgical Society. His great-grandfather and grandfather, descendants of a Massachusetts Bay Colonist, practiced medicine in Western Massachusetts; his father moved to the Western Reserve and became a prominent physician in Cleveland, Ohio; his older brother to whom he was much attached was a beloved medical practitioner in the same city. Inheritance and association, therefore, seemed to predestine him for a medical career, although it is said that his talent and taste in drawing nearly lured him into architecture. After a college education at Yale, he entered the Harvard Medical School where he graduated with honor in 1896 and then became surgical interne at the Massachusetts General Hospital. His basic medical education, therefore, was of the very best, with teachers and preceptors of the calibre of Dwight, Minot, Bowditch, Councilman, Fitz, Shattuck, Warren, Cabot, Eliot, Harrington, Mixter, and Porter.

To a man of his investigative type of mind, the growing prestige of Johns Hopkins - then but in its 8th year, was very alluring, and to Hopkins he went, apparently if tradition may be trusted, undecided at first whether to find a job with Osler or with Halsted. The appeal of surgery was the stronger and he became Halsted's assistant and surgical resident. Our curiosity as to what turned his interest to surgical neurology cannot fail to be aroused. A feeling that the central nervous system was to be the next objective of the new surgery was in the air. Keen had successfully removed brain tumors in Philadelphia; MacEwen in Glasgow and Victor Horsley in London were making important contributions. Some members of the Staff of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and especially that remarkable surgeon, J.W. Eliot, were keenly interested. A younger man was ready, if permitted, to devote himself to the subject. To a man of Cushing's traits, the problem must have seemed to him a challenge. Perhaps his intensive study of the phenomena caused by an injury to the spinal cord - the subject of one of his earliest papers - determined him. Perhaps Halsted, perhaps Osler, suggested it. In any event, the next step was significant - a year abroad with Kronecker and Kocher in Berne studying the physiological mechanisms of intra-cranial pressure, and with Sherrington in Liverpool working out the motor and sensory areas of the Rolandic region in anthropoids. On his return to Hopkins the future direction of his work was settled by the confiding to his care of the cases of neurologic surgery.

The next twelve years was a period of relentless, disciplined unremitting investigation of the anatomy, physiology, pathology and pathological physiology of the central nervous system, while seeking and applying clinical methods of relief. He demonstrated that if physical trauma, and blood loss were reduced to a minimum, the brain and spinal cord could be subjected to prolonged and daring operations with comparative impunity. Each problem which presented itself was studied and usually solved in collaboration with his younger associates by investigation on the experimental animal. The hitherto discouraging attempts to remove or palliate intra-cranial tumors began to yield successful results. The relief of trifacial neuralgia by direct attack on the Gasserian ganglion was standardized and its mortality reduced nearly to zero. The circulation of the cerebro-spinal fluid was studied. The search for methods to relieve the blindness and other neighborhood pressure symptoms due to tumors of the pituitary led to intensive study which resulted in the publication in 1912, of "The Pituitary Body and Its Disorders". By this time his reputation as the foremost neurological surgeon of America was established.



Called to Harvard in 1912 to become Moseley Professor of Surgery and Surgeon-in-Chief of the new Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Cushing began a fruitful period of twenty years of teaching, clinical work, research, writing and book-collecting, interrupted twice, - first by war service and secondly by the preparation of his monumental life of Sir William Osler, justly acclaimed as one of the greatest of medical biographies. His distinguished war record, first as Director of Base Hospital No. 5 with the B.E.F. and later as Senior Consultant in Neuro-surgery in the A.E.F., was gratefully recognized by decorations from Great Britain, France and the United States. Part of the price he paid was an attack of encephalitis with neuritic manifestations which would have incapacitated, for a time at least, a man of less determination.

During his service of twenty years at Harvard and what was practically its University Hospital, - the Brigham - Cushing and his medical colleague Christian introduced to Boston the modified full-time clinical teacher and the system of hospital residencies. As a member of the Faculty of Medicine he favored liberalization of the course of study, the development of initiative and the spirit of inquiry among the students, and the free use of a common library. As a teacher, his lectures - whether clinical or otherwise - were interesting and suggestive to the prepared mind but were lacking in systematic form and inspirational quality. His ward visits with students, house officers and junior colleagues were delightful events, whether he paused at the bedside of a general surgical patient to watch the dressing and make keen surgical or historical comment, or whether he demonstrated with unrivalled skill the objective findings of one of his own pet neurological puzzles and correlated them with the carefully investigated history. But naturally enough it was as the master surrounded by apprentices - house officers, residents and special assistants - that he diffused most potently his influence, for from their ranks came the pupils who are carrying forward the cause of neurosurgery in many medical centres of the new world and the old.

In our own Society where we now memorialize him he was an honored but not frequent participant. Elected in January 1915 as one of the first regular members added by vote of the original nine incorporators of the Society, he first attended a meeting in November 1915 at which Dr. Elliott Cutler read a paper on "Cranial and Peripheral Nerve Injuries". When the Society met for a clinical session at the Brigham Hospital his demonstration of neurosurgical patients was usually the outstanding event. Otherwise he rarely attended meetings, except for conscientious discharge of his duties as President in 1918-19, nor did he ever present a formal paper. On three occasions he felicitously presented the Society's Bigelow Medal to honored recipients, and to himself the medal was awarded in 1933.

To present a list of the papers, monographs and books which he wrote, or of the honors which he received, would occupy our entire evening. Every stroke of his pen was studied with the same meticulous care as that of his scalpel, so that his written words perfectly and artistically conveyed his meaning. The lecture foundations which he filled, the academic degrees and honorary memberships in scientific societies which he received, embraced most of the countries of Western Europe - excepting the Germanic nations - and many in the Americas. He who reads them over notes with surprise the omission of the Nobel award.

Perhaps it is permissible to speculate on the forces and influences which may have molded Cushing's work. From Puritan forebears he derived self-



discipline, courage, determination, the capacity for unremitting, indomitable perseverance in the pursuit of an objective; from his father and older brother came an understanding of the work of the good physician and a sense of noblesse oblige; in his first Boston period, at the Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts General Hospital, the enduring foundations of his medical education was laid by teachers and associates who as a group had few equals; at Hopkins his already aroused interest in investigative work was stimulated by the research spirit of that vigorous and stimulating new School. From Halsted he learned the refinement and precision of technique and the fruitful results of concentrated work in a small field. In Osler he found a beloved friend who personified wide knowledge, worldly wisdom, high ideals, love of the humanities and of books. Perhaps unconsciously, as disciples will, he imitated the older man's social mannerisms and amenities; perhaps Osler found in his younger colleague the inspiration and incarnation of his famous essay: "The Master-Word in Medicine: Work". The year abroad in laboratory work and twelve succeeding years confirmed his self-dedication to neurosurgery. The following twenty years at Harvard and the Brigham Hospital marked the rich fruition of the fields which he had planted and tilled.

Cushing never put down deep roots in Boston, in spite of the favors and advantages, professional and social which were so warmly heaped upon him. When the time of retirement - prescribed by himself and his medical colleagues - came, he might have continued to have privileges at the hospital which he helped found; he might as Professor of the History of Medicine, have inoculated the students with his favorite avocation, but other loyalties prevailed, and to Yale he repaired with his collection of 2000 brain tumors, his records, his magnificent library, and his undiminished enthusiasm. There, for six years, his unquenchable spirit rose superior to harrassing physical ailments, and he continued to study and make available for posterity his incomparable experience in his chosen field. What better summary of his professional life than to quote a sentence from the citation pronounced at the bestowal of our Bigelow medal - paraphrasing a statement about Lister by Lucas-Championniere - that all of neurosurgery consists of two epochs - that before Cushing and that after Cushing!

David Cheever



THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIRST MEETING

of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Beth Israel Hospital on Wednesday morning, January 17, 1940.

There were present twenty-seven active members, two associate members, and six senior members.

An operative clinic was held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. After operations by members of the staff, the following program was presented:

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| Sacral Chordoma                                                                            | Dr. W.J. Mixter  |
| Terminal Coronary Thrombosis Induced by Post-Operative Shock in Elderly Patients           | Dr. H.L. Blumgar |
| Experiences with Femoral Vein Ligation for Prophylaxis of Post-Operative Pulmonary Embolus | Dr. J.B. Sears   |
| Cholangiography during Operation                                                           | Dr. C.G. Mixter  |
| The Action of Desoxycorticosterone on the Plasma Volume                                    | Dr. J. Fine      |
| The Use of the Newer Vasoconstrictor Agents during Spinal Anesthesia.                      | Dr. S. Gilman    |

Respectfully submitted,

*Mauley W. Taylor*  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SECOND MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held at  
the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on  
Monday evening, February 12, 1940, at 8 P.M.

There were present thirty-three active members, one associate member,  
seven senior members and one honorary member.

The following program was presented by members of the Pondville Hospital  
Staff:

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| "Cancer in the Young"                                                             | Dr. T.J. Anglem  |
| "Carcinoma of the Breast: End-Results 1927-1933"                                  | Dr. E.M. Daland  |
| "Sarcoma of the Breast"                                                           | Dr. H. Rogers    |
| "The Relation of Chronic Cystic Mastitis to Breast<br>Cancer"                     | Dr. S. Warren    |
| "Epidermoid Carcinoma of the Extremities with Special<br>Reference to Metastases" | Dr. G. W. Taylor |

Respectfully submitted,

*Gawtley W. Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THIRD MEETING

of The Boston Surgical Society was held here in Boston on March 4, 1940 in conjunction with the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery.

There were twenty-seven men present as guests from Philadelphia. Including our guests seventy men attended the luncheon and seventy-seven attended the dinner.

The program of the day was as follows:

MORNING SESSION:

Massachusetts General Hospital  
George Robert White Building  
Bigelow Amphitheatre

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| 9:15 - 10:30  | Operations by members of the staff. |                                                                                                                 |
| 10:30 - 10:50 | Dr. W. A. Rogers                    | "Safe and Dangerous Reduction of Vertebral Body Fracture and Dislocation."<br>Dr. Irvin Deibert, discussor      |
| 10:50 - 11:10 | Dr. C. Lyons<br>(by invitation)     | "Colon Bacillus Toxemia."<br>Dr. J. Lockwood, discussor<br>(by invitation)                                      |
| 11:10 - 11:30 | Dr. A. W. Allen                     | "Surgery of the Biliary Passages."<br>Dr. I. S. Ravdin, discussor                                               |
| 11:30 - 11:50 | Dr. L. S. McKittrick                | "Early versus Delayed Operation in Acute Obstruction of the Small Intestine."<br>Dr. Adolph Walkling, discussor |
| 11:50 - 12:10 | Dr. E. D. Churchill                 | "Metastatic Tumors of Lung - Diagnosis and Treatment."<br>Dr. H. H. Bradshaw, discussor                         |
| 1:00 -        | Luncheon                            | Harvard Club                                                                                                    |

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Boston City Hospital  
Dowling Building  
Cheever Amphitheatre

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| 2:15 - 2:30 | Dr. W. E. Ladd  | "Diaphragmatic Hernia."<br>Dr. H. P. Brown, Jr., discussor |
| 2:30 - 2:50 | Dr. H. M. Clute | "Diaphragmatic Hernia."<br>Dr. Calvin Smyth, discussor     |

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| 2:50 - 3:10 | Dr. C. J. Mixter                    | "Case Report."<br>Dr. Damon Pfeiffer, discussor                                                                   |
| 3:10 - 3:30 | Dr. D. Munro                        | "Care of the Back in Spinal<br>Cord Injuries -- a considera-<br>tion of bed sores."<br>Dr. R. A. Groff, discussor |
| 3:30 - 3:50 | Dr. J. Homans                       | "Minor Causalgias."<br>Dr. N. E. Freeman, discussor                                                               |
| 3:50 - 4:10 | Dr. G. E. Haggart                   | "Surgical Treatment of<br>Degenerative Arthritis of<br>the Hips and Knee Joints."<br>Dr. J. R. Moore, discussor   |
| 4:10 - 5:00 | Dr. C. W. Walter<br>(by invitation) | "Sterilization Technique."<br>(Motion Picture Demonstration)                                                      |
| 7:00        | Dinner<br>(informal dress)          | Harvard Club                                                                                                      |

Respectfully submitted,

*Gaullay W. Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FOURTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital on Monday morning,  
April 8, 1940.

There were present forty-two active members, one associate member, four senior members, and one honorary member.

An operative clinic was held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. After operations by members of the staff, the following program was presented:

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| Surgical Aspects of Edema                                                 | Dr. J. Homans      |
| Acute Cholecystitis                                                       | Dr. R. Zollinger   |
| Bladder Complications in Fracture of the Pelvis                           | Dr. W.C. Quinby    |
| Development of the Aseptic Concept                                        | Dr. C.W. Walter    |
| Macrogenitosomia Praecox Associated with Hypothalamic Tumors in Childhood | Dr. R.E. Gross     |
| The Strength of the Resutured Wound                                       | Dr. J.A. Sandmeyer |
| Primary Closure in Treatment of Pilonidal Sinus                           | Dr. J.E. Dunphy    |
| A Study of Vital Capacity in Surgical Patients                            | Dr. E.C. Cutler    |

Respectfully submitted,

*Grantly W. Taylor*  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIFTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals on Friday  
morning, November 8, 1940.

There were present twenty active members, three senior members, and one  
honorary member.

The following program was presented:

Operations by Members of the Staff

Collamore Building  
(8th floor)

Blood Bank Demonstration

Dr. F.E. Barton  
Collamore Building  
(1st floor)

DRY CLINIC

Evans Memorial Amphitheatre

Suppurative Pericarditis

Dr. J. Strieder

Malignant Tumors of Soft Tissue Origin

Dr. T.J. Anglem

Tracheotomy in Children

Dr. H.L. Albright

Multiple Ligations for Varicose Veins

Dr. A.L. Hanrahan

Endaural Fenestration for Otosclerosis

Dr. L.F. Johnson

Rectal Involvement in Lymphopathia Venereum

Dr. P.L. Boyd

Respectfully submitted,

*Guenther W. Taylor*  
Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 1940, AT  
THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

There were present: Drs. Ladd, Cochrane, Taylor, Quinby, Clute, White, Phaneuf, and Hermann.

Dr. Henry Marble's letter proposing the names of surgeons from out-of-town hospitals was discussed at length. Excerpts from the letter are as follows: "Within a radius of about fifteen miles of Boston there are many hospitals tending to serve a local community. During the past ten or fifteen years there seems to have been an effort on the part of these hospitals to put their surgery on a higher plane.

"If it is the purpose of The Boston Surgical Society to encourage such clinical developments, it would seem to me that certain of the surgeons in these hospitals might properly be proposed as members. It would also seem to me that if this were done, the Chiefs of Services in other hospitals might make an effort to improve their work so that they also might be eligible to membership in the Society."

It was decided that the election of such men to membership would depend on the formulation of a policy by the Society at large. Action on these names was deferred until the Society should have an opportunity to express an opinion on the desirability of such a step. It was agreed to bring up the question at the December meeting of the Society.

Names of other proposed candidates were discussed at length and the following nominations were made:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

Dr. Hollis L. Albright  
Dr. Thomas J. Anglem  
Dr. Joseph H. Burnett  
Dr. Robert E. Gross  
Dr. George W. Papen  
Dr. John D. Stewart  
Dr. Claude E. Welch  
Dr. Robert M. Zollinger  
Dr. Samuel F. Marshall

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

Dr. John W. Strieder (thoracic surgery)  
Dr. George W. VanGorder (orthopedic surgery)

The Annual Meeting is to be held on December 2, and it is suggested that the scientific program be a symposium from the Children's Hospital on the subject "Tumors in Childhood".

It was voted to recommend ~~te~~ to the Society that the annual dues be placed at three dollars.

The President agreed to appoint an Auditing Committee and also to designate some member to write a memorial on Dr. Harmer to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

The question was raised of whether the coming year would be a good time to award the Bigelow Medal, possibly in conjunction with the meeting of the American College of Surgeons.

Nominations for officers were made as follows:

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| PRESIDENT:                       | Dr. Irving J. Walker     |
| VICE-PRESIDENT:                  | Dr. Thomas H. Lanman     |
| SECRETARY-TREASURER:             | Dr. Marshall K. Bartlett |
| MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: | Dr. Henry H. Faxon       |

Respectfully submitted,

*Mauley W. Taylor*  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIXTH MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held at  
the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on  
Monday evening, December 2, 1940, at 8 P.M.

There were fifty active members and nine associate and senior members present.

The Treasurer's report and the Auditors' report were read and accepted.

On motion duly seconded it was voted that the dues for the coming year should be three dollars.

The invitation for a joint meeting with The Philadelphia Academy of Surgery was discussed and on motion duly seconded it was voted that because of unsettled conditions it might be wise to decline the invitation.

Dr. Marble's letter relative to election of surgeons from adjacent towns was read and discussed but no action was taken.

The recent deaths of Dr. Harmer and Dr. Codman were announced and it was stated that suitable memorials were in preparation.

The candidates for membership were then elected by ballot as follows:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

Dr. Hollis L. Albright  
Dr. Thomas J. Anglem  
Dr. Joseph H. Burnett  
Dr. Robert E. Gross  
Dr. Samuel F. Marshall  
Dr. George W. Papen  
Dr. John D. Stewart  
Dr. Claude E. Welch  
Dr. Robert M. Zollinger

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

Dr. John W. Strieder  
Dr. George W. VanGorder

The following officers were elected:

PRESIDENT:

Dr. Irving J. Walker

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Dr. Thomas H. Lanman

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Dr. Marshall K. Bartlett

MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

Dr. Henry H. Faxon

The Scientific Program was as follows:

Malignant Tumors in Childhood

Dr. Sidney Farber

Brain Tumors

Dr. Franc D. Ingraham

Miscellaneous Tumors

Dr. Thomas H. Lanman

Embryoma of the Kidney

Dr. William E. Ladd

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gauntly W. Taylor*  
Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON JANUARY 6, 1941, AT  
DR. IRVING J. WALKER'S OFFICE.

There were present: Dr. Walker, Dr. Ladd, Dr. Ober,  
Dr. Hermann, Dr. Faxon, and Dr. Bartlett.

The question of the presentation of the Bigelow Medal  
this year was discussed at length. It was agreed that  
this would be an appropriate thing to do and the  
possibility of making the presentation a part of the  
program of the meeting of the American College of  
Surgeons was discussed.

The names of a number of men were considered as possible  
recipients of the Bigelow Medal and it was decided to  
present the names of Dr. Evarts Graham and Dr. Allen O.  
Whipple to the society for consideration.

The question of subjects for the next two evening  
meetings was discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVENTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held  
at the Carney Hospital on Wednesday  
morning, January 15, 1941.

There were present nineteen active members, two associate  
members and three senior members.

An operative clinic was held from 8:00 to 10:00 A. M.

After operations by members of the staff the following  
program was presented.

1. The Management of the Jaundiced Patient  
Dr. William C. Moloney
2. End Results of Hand Injuries - Demonstration of Patients  
Dr. William E. Browne
3. The Treatment of Varicose Veins and their Complications  
Dr. Charles A. Robinson
4. Colored film of Vaginal Hysterectomy  
A - Suture Method  
B - Clamp Method  
Dr. Louis E. Phaneuf

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHTH MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held at  
the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on  
Monday evening, February 10, 1941, at 8 P.M.

There were present forty-one active, four associate, and four senior members.

The question of awarding the Bigelow medal in conjunction with the coming Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons was presented to the society and after discussion it was moved, seconded, and voted to make this award.

The possibility of duplicate awards was suggested, but after some discussion it was moved, seconded, and voted to limit the award to our recipient.

The names of Dr. Evarts A. Graham and Dr. Allen O. Whipple were presented to the society by the Council as worthy candidates for the Bigelow Medal. After much discussion it was voted by the society that this choice should be made by written ballot at a later date.

Dr. Henry Marble read an obituary on Dr. Torr W. Harmer and Dr. Channing Simmons read an obituary on Dr. Ernest A. Codman. It was voted that these tributes be spread upon the records and that copies be sent to the families of the deceased.

The following clinical program was presented:

Transthoracic Gastric Resection  
Dr. Richard H. Sweet

Anesthesia for Transpleural Gastric Surgery  
Dr. Henry K. Beecher  
(by invitation)

War Wounds of the Chest  
Dr. Edward D. Churchill

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Barker*

Secretary

Doctor Torr Wagner Harmer

Torr Wagner Harmer died on October 1, 1940. He had lived fifty-nine years of happy, useful, and productive life. His history was not unlike that of many Boston surgeons; Harvard College and then the Medical School, both with honors. After that, internships in the Massachusetts General and Boston Lying-in Hospitals. His early surgical concern was with children and he spent years at the Infants Hospital. During this time he also developed a lasting interest in anatomy and was connected with the Anatomical Department all of his life.

The war interlude took him to France as a captain, soon to be promoted to Major. Here he served as Surgical Chief in Hospital #35. He was honored by the French government and for two years he grew in military responsibility and surgical experience.

Back in America he resumed his practice. His interests were dual: anatomy at Harvard Medical School and Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Also he held many positions as consultant, but these two were his heart's choice.

His surgery was wide in scope and always well done, and as the years progressed, more and more he centered his thought upon the advancement of hand surgery. It was in this field that he accomplished most, and for it he will be best remembered.

He was a master anatomist, a finished workman, a pioneer in new fields.



He loved the out-of-doors: camps, sports, and fishing--  
far from the beck and call of the world.

He loved his home, his family, and his church. He was  
senior warden of his parish.

Modest, unassuming, friendly, and kind--he was always the  
same. A poem by Henry Van Dyke tells his story better than I:

"The ways of the world are full of haste and turmoil.

I will sing of the tribe of the helpers who travel in peace.

He that turneth from the road to rescue another

Turneth toward his goal.

He shall arrive in time by the foot-path of mercy,

God will be his guide.

He that taketh up the burden of the fainting,

Lighteneth his own load,

The Almighty will put His arms underneath him,

He shall lean upon the Lord.

He that speaketh comfortable words to mourners healeth his own hurt.

In the time of grief they will come to his remembrances,

God will use them for balm.

He that careth for a wounded brother watcheth not alone:

There are three in the darkness together, and the third is the Lord.

Blessed is the way of the helpers, the companions of the Christ."



Dr. Ernest Amory Codman 1869 - 1940.

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Dr. Ernest Amory Codman died on November 23rd, 1940 and in his death the medical profession lost an individualist who had done much to promote the science of medicine along many lines and whose contributions are probably known more generally throughout the country than in his home town. Much of his pioneer work is now accepted and the originator forgotten.

Dr. Codman was born in Boston December 30, 1869 and attended the Fay and St. Marks Schools where he stood high in his class and at an early date showed his interest in the outdoors devoting more time to collecting birds' eggs and trapping muskrats and rabbits than was authorized in the curriculum. He occasionally left the dormitory at dawn via the window to indulge in his hobby, returning by the same route in time for morning prayers.

Graduating from Harvard College in 1891 he entered the Harvard Medical School which he attended for two years. During a part of the winter of the third year, he traveled extensively abroad, visiting the chief clinics in Europe and on his return he was able to pass the final examinations, receiving his degree of M.D. in 1895. In 1894 -1895 he served as surgical intern at the Massachusetts General Hospital where, as intern, he was associated with Harvey Cushing. At this time he showed his interest in studying the results of treatment, which in those days was a pioneer effort, by suggesting with Dr. Cushing an anesthesia chart and record which was adopted.

On completion of his internship he became instructor in Anatomy at the Harvard Medical School, the usual road to Surgery at that time, and an assistant to Dr. Francis B. Harrington.



title of "Fish and Game Officer to the General in Command."

As a companion in the woods he was delightful and the writer has spent many nights with him in a one-room shack in Princeton on hunting trips. One was warm, dry, had plenty to eat, which on a trip of that sort, was all that was necessary. We appropriated coal from the railroad dump and settled with the station agent at the end of the season. How much the railroad ever received is not recorded.

In 1929, Dr. Codman was appointed to the Consulting Staff of the Massachusetts General Hospital and held that position until his death. He was a member of the American Surgical Association, The American College of Surgeons, the Society of Clinical Surgery and many other organizations.

Dr. Codman had a full life, working constantly for his ideals and at the same time enjoying the world as he found it and deriving much enjoyment from nature.

In December, 1895, Roentgen discovered the X-ray and Dr. Codman became much interested in this new method of diagnosis, producing films as early as February 1896 and devoting much of his time to the study of bone diseases. He published many papers relating to the X-ray during the next three years and called attention to its value as a method of diagnosis in diseases of the bone. He was appointed Surgeon to Out-Patients at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1900. In 1899 he married Miss Katharine P. Bowditch.

One of his early contributions to surgery was the recognition and demonstration of fracture of the carpal scaphoid. In 1909 he made a study of cases of duodenal ulcer, from which he suffered for many years, and at that time could find only fifty cases in the hospital records.

In 1910 he suggested the follow-up system which is now recognized and generally adopted as the index of value of any form of treatment. Ether anesthesia, social service, and the end- result idea, as he termed it, have been said to be the most outstanding contributions to medicine emanating from the Massachusetts General Hospital. Associated with this movement was the Committee of Hospital Standardization founded by the Society of Clinical Surgery and later taken over by the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Codman was appointed Chairman and it may be said that the idea of the formation of the American College of Surgeons, in which he took great interest, was born in this committee.

In 1914 Dr. Codman resigned from the surgical staff of the hospital for, as he said, he was intolerant of the methods of appointment in vogue at that institution. He had established his own hospital in 1911 where he put into effect his own ideas



however, were interrupted by the war and were not resumed on his return from service. He enlisted in 1918 and served, for a time in a base hospital in the south where he employed his record system for his own edification.

After his discharge from the Army he devoted his time to the two major activities with which his name is commonly associated, namely, injuries to the shoulder joint and the Registry of Bone Sarcoma. His book on the shoulder was published in 1934 but his interest in the subject began in 1892 while traveling in Europe. His original observations on the subdeltoid bursa and injuries to the short rotators of the humerus are now common knowledge and his pioneer work overlooked by the younger generation.

The preface to his book, "The Shoulder", practically an autobiography, is unique. His intolerance of deceit and faith in his own ideals are well brought out. Two passages are well worth quoting, namely, the opening paragraph: "I want egotism in my author or teacher," and later: "I have suffered somewhat from a sense of isolation, because I have always been thinking or saying one thing or another, with which other doctors did not agree."

The writer served under him as house officer and while we interns were at first intolerant of the time he spent on what to us were uninteresting cases, we saw that he accomplished results and he won our respect.

He was a great lover of the outdoors for itself. He could name all the birds, trees, and wildflowers. His chief hobbies were hunting and fishing which he pursued in more than half the states of the Union as well as in England and Ireland. He could catch trout where trout had never been found and, while in the Army stationed in Virginia during the war, he carried on his hobby to such good effect that he was given the honorary

THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NINTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held  
at the Free Hospital for Women on Friday  
morning, March 21, 1941.

There were present twenty-four active members, one associate member and three senior members.

An operative clinic was held from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. After operations by Dr. Pemberton and Dr. Smith the following program was presented:

Dry Clinic

|                                               |                         |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cancer of the Endometrium                     | Dr. George Van S. Smith |
| Aspects of Ovulation                          | Dr. John Rock           |
| Complications in Gynaecological Operations    | Dr. Frank Pemberton     |
| Kraurosis of Vulva                            | Dr. Sidney C. Graves    |
| Subtotal Cystectomy for Interstitial Cystitis | Dr. Paul A. Younge      |

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON  
SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON MARCH 31, 1941, AT DR. IRVING J.  
WALKER'S OFFICE

There were present Dr. Walker, Dr. White, Dr. Phaneuf, Dr. Ober, Dr. Lanman, Dr. Hermann, Dr. Faxon and Dr. Bartlett.

The result of the balloting by the society for the candidate for presentation of the Bigelow Medal was announced. Dr. Allen D. Whipple received 37 votes, Dr. Evarts A. Graham 27 votes, Dr. Frank H. Lahey two votes, and Dr. William E. Ladd one vote. It was voted to accept the result of this ballot.

The program for the presentation of the Bigelow Medal was discussed. It was decided that the program should be opened by an introductory speech by the President of the society, to be followed by the address of the recipient. The presentation address would then be made by a member of the society. It was voted to ask Dr. David Cheever to make this address of presentation.

Discussion followed as to the persons who should be seated on the stage at the presentation ceremony. It was decided that at least the officers of the society, the officers of the American College of Surgeons and all living past recipients of the Bigelow Medal should be so seated.

The matter of a small dinner preceding the presentation was discussed. It was suggested that this be limited to the officers of the society, the recipient, the president of the American College of Surgeons and perhaps past recipients of the Bigelow Medal.

It was decided that Dr. Walker should communicate with Dr. Whipple and Dr. Cheever in regard to the presentation and following their favorable replies, the secretary was instructed to communicate with Dr. Ballou in regard to the arrangements for the meeting, for which the American College of Surgeons has agreed to set aside Friday evening, the last night of their meeting in Boston in November. It was felt that a section of reserved seats, numbering probably 500, should be set aside for members of the Boston Surgical Society, Regents of the American College of Surgeons and invited guests.

Each member of the Executive Council was instructed to bring tentative programs for three evening meetings to the next meeting of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTIETH MEETING

of the Boston Surgical Society was held  
at the Academy of Arts and Sciences on  
Monday evening, April 14, 1941, at 8:00 P.M.

There were present thirty-nine active, three associate and two senior members.

Dr. Walker announced that as a result of the balloting by the active members of the society, Dr. Allen O. Whipple had been chosen as the recipient of the Bigelow Medal to be presented at the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons next fall. He also reported briefly on the tentative plans discussed by the Executive Committee for the program of presentation.

The following papers were then presented:

Regional Ileitis

Dr. Samuel F. Marshall

Importance of Nutrition in the Care of Surgical  
Patients with Special References to

Obstructive Jaundice

Dr. John D. Stewart

The Management of Neck Nodes in Intraoral Cancer

Dr. Thomas J. Anglem

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marion E. Bartlett*  
Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON  
SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 1941, AT DR. IRVING J.  
WALKER'S OFFICE

There were present Dr. Walker, Dr. Hermann, Dr. Phaneuf, Dr. Lanman, Dr. Faxon and Dr. Bartlett.

Plans for the presentation of the Henry Jacob Bigelow medal to Dr. Allen C. Whipple were discussed. It was agreed that those invited to sit on the platform should be, in addition to Dr. Whipple, Drs. Cheever, Walker, Lanman, and Bartlett, representing the Boston Surgical Society and Drs. Graham and Gallie as president and president-elect of the American College of Surgeons. It was voted to invite the living past recipients of the Bigelow Medal to occupy seats on the platform. Dr. Lanman was instructed to arrange for the seating arrangement on the platform.

Drs. Taylor and Meigs were appointed an auditing committee to survey the treasurers books and the annual report of the New England Trust Company on the William Sturgis Bigelow Trust.

The secretary was instructed to reserve 250 seats for members of the Society, their families and guests, and to arrange to have 12 fourth year medical students to act as ushers.

It was agreed to have the next meeting of the Executive Council on Monday, November 10, 1941.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST MEETING

of the Boston Surgical Society was held in conjunction with the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons at the John Hancock Hall, on Friday, November 8, 1941 at 8 P.M.

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The award of the Henry Jacob Bigelow Medal was made to Dr. Allen Oldfather Whipple.

The meeting was attended by members of the Society, Fellows of the American College of Surgeons, and their guests.

Dr. Walker presided and in introducing Dr. Whipple, gave a brief biographical sketch of Dr. Henry Jacob Bigelow. Dr. Whipple then spoke on "Present Day Surgery of the Pancreas." The award of the medal was made by Dr. David Cheever.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary







THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY

*NOVEMBER MEETING*

in connection with the

*AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS'*

*CLINICAL CONGRESS*

John Hancock Hall, St. James Avenue, Boston

Friday evening, November 7, 1941

at eight o'clock







## PROGRAMME



### *Introduction*

IRVING J. WALKER, M.D., *President*

### *Address*

Present-day Surgery of the Pancreas

ALLEN O. WHIPPLE, M.D.

### *Presentation of*

*The Henry Jacob Bigelow Medal*

DAVID CHEEVER, M.D.





REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 1941, AT  
DR. IRVING J. WALKER'S OFFICE.

There were present Drs. Walker, Phaneuf, Ladd, Hermann,  
Lanna and Bartlett.

Dr. George Van S. Smith was nominated for membership on the  
Executive Council to succeed Dr. Ober; Dr. Allen C. Whipple  
was nominated for Honorary Membership.

Due to transfer of active members to the senior list there  
were six vacancies in the active list and the following men  
were nominated for regular membership:

Herbert D. Adams  
Frank E. Barton  
J. Edward Flynn  
Charles A. Lamb  
George A. Marks  
Arnold Starr

The following men were nominated for Associate Membership:

Herbert H. Howard  
Charles I. Johnson  
Robert J. Joplin

It was voted that the dues for the coming year should be  
three dollars.

It was announced that Dr. Frank A. Pemberton had agreed to  
present a paper on "Ovarian Tumors" before the December meeting  
of the Society. The President and Secretary were instructed  
to arrange programs for the evening meetings in February and  
April.

Dr. Walker appointed Dr. Grantley W. Taylor and Dr. Joe V.  
Meigs to sit as an auditing committee.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Active members transferred  
to senior list:

Dr. Frank R. Ober  
Dr. William C. Quinby  
Dr. John D. Stewart  
Dr. Arthur R. Kimpton  
Dr. Halsey B. Loder  
Dr. W. Jason Mixter)

*Marshall K. Bartlett*  
Secretary

*Sept 21 '42*  
*Clara H. Hether*  
Acting Secretary.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
American Academy of Arts and Sciences on Monday  
evening, December 1, 1941, at 8 P.M.

There were present thirty-severn active members and six  
associate and senior members.

The Treasurer's report and the Auditor's report were read  
and accepted.

It was voted that the dues for the coming year should be  
three dollars.

Dr. George Van S. Smith was elected as member of the Executive  
Council to succeed Dr. Ober.

Dr. Allen O. Whipple was elected to Honorary Membership.

The candidates for membership were then elected by ballot  
as follows:

Active Membership

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Herbert D. Adams | Charles A. Lamb |
| Frank E. Barton  | George A. Marks |
| J. Edward Flynn  |                 |

Associate Membership

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Herbert H. Howard | Charles I. Johnson |
| Robert J. Joplin  |                    |

The following scientific program was presented:

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|------------------|------------------------|
| Ovarian Tumors   |                        |
| Clinical Aspects | Dr. Frank A. Pemberton |
| Histiogenesis    | Dr. Arthur T. Hertig   |
|                  | (by invitation)        |

The discussion was opened by Drs. Shields Warren, Joe V. Meigs,  
and George Van S Smith.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THIRD MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held  
at the Boston Lying-in Hospital on  
Wednesday morning, January 28, 1942

There were present sixteen active members and one senior member.

An operative clinic was held from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., at which Dr. Irving performed a Cesarean section under local and sodium pentothal anesthesia. After this the following program was presented:

- The Clinical Use of the X-ray in Obstetrics  
a. Cephalo-pelvic disproportion  
b. Localization of the placenta by soft tissue technique

Dr. Luke Gillespie

Endometrial Biopsy in Abortion

Dr. Robert N. Rutherford

Chorion -epithelioma

Dr. Arthur T. Hertig

The Rh factor and its importance in transfusions  
in obstetrics and pediatrics

Dr. Robert Tucker

The Use of Novocain Sympathetic Block in Thrombophlebitis

Dr. William K. Swann

The Effect of Amputation of the Cervix on Subsequent Labors

Dr. William Schumann

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bowtell*

Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOURTH MEETING

of the Boston Surgical Society was held  
at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on  
Wednesday Evening, February 25, 1942 at 8:00 P.M.

There were present twenty active, and three senior members.

A letter from Dr. Allen O. Whipple expressing his appreciation of his election to honorary membership in the Society was read by Dr. Walker.

It was voted that the dues of members on active duty with the Army or Navy be remitted for the duration of active service.

Dr. Frank E. Barton read an obituary on Dr. J. E. Briggs. It was voted that these resolutions be spread upon the records and a copy sent to Mrs. Briggs.

The following clinical program was presented:

Anesthesia and Shock in Abdominal Surgery

Dr. Henry K. Beecher  
(by invitation)

Spinal Anesthesia in Abdominal Surgery

Dr. Urban H. Eversole  
(by invitation)

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Barton*

Secretary



To the Members of the Boston Surgical Society:

The successful and abundant life of our fellow member, Dr. Joseph Emmons Briggs, was terminated on the third of January in his seventy-third year.

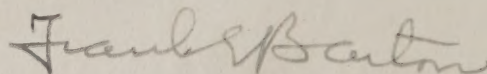
Dr. Briggs' sterling qualities as a man and citizen; his skill and untiring devotion in his many professional activities; his outstanding ability as a leader and executive in medical interests; his notable gift as a teacher; his sympathetic interest in the problems of his associates, patients and students, and his unvarying helpfulness in their solution; his high ideals in precept and practice; and his freedom from ostentation and superficiality, endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

He will be missed by a large circle of associates and friends, but he has left an imperishable memory and fine record of accomplishment which will be a continuing inspiration to us for high endeavor to attain the best in life.

It is RESOLVED that this expression of our sentiments be spread upon the records of the Society, and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Briggs with our sincere sympathy.

February 25, 1942

Signed:



Committee on Resolutions

THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIFTH MEETING

of the Boston Surgical Society was held  
at the Boston City Hospital on Monday, March 16,  
1942 at 8:30 A.M.

There were present eleven active, two associate, and  
two senior members.

An operative clinic was held from 8:30 to 10:00 A.M.  
After operations by the Staff the following program was  
presented:

The Use of the Roger Anderson Method of Fracture  
Fixation in War Injuries

Dr. Charles H. Bradford  
(by invitation)

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held  
at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on  
Monday, April 13, 1942 at 8:00 P.M.

There were present twenty-five active and five senior members,  
and some twenty-five guests.

There was presented a Symposium on Idiopathic Ulcerative  
Colitis with reports from

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| The Massachusetts General | Dr. L.S. McKittrick |
| The Lahey Clinic          | Dr. R.B. Cattell    |
| The Children's Hospital   | Dr. R.E. Gross      |

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

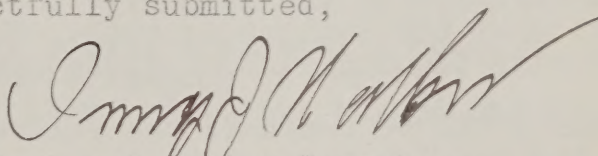
Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall W. Bartlett*

Secretary

AT A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON MAY 5, 1942, it  
was voted to appoint Dr. Irving J. Walker as  
Acting Secretary and Treasurer, to serve until the  
election of a Secretary Treasurer at the regular  
annual meeting of the Society on December 7, 1942.  
This appointment was made to fill the unexpired  
term of Dr. Marshall K. Bartlett, the present  
Secretary Treasurer, who has been called into the  
Service of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Irving J. Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

President and Acting Secretary.



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON  
SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1942, AT THE  
OFFICE OF DR. IRVING J. WALKER.

There were present: Dr. Walker, President, and Drs. William E. Ladd,  
Otto J. Hermann, James C. White, George V. S. Smith  
and Louis Phaneuf.

The following business was transacted:

It was VOTED to transfer Drs. William E. Ladd, Irving J. Walker, and  
Charles G. Mixter from the Active to the Senior list of members, and  
also to transfer Dr. Augustus Riley from the Associate to the Senior list.

The applications of eight men for membership in the Boston Surgical  
Society were carefully discussed.

It was VOTED that Dr. Donald W. MacCollum be nominated for Associate  
membership in the Boston Surgical Society.

It was VOTED that the following men be nominated for Active  
membership in the Boston Surgical Society:

Dr. Edward A. Cooney  
Dr. Allan L. Davis  
Dr. Theodore C. Pratt  
Dr. Arnold Starr

It was VOTED to defer, without prejudice, the applications of Drs.  
Ralph Adams, Bentley P. Colcock, and Somers Sturgis for future  
consideration by the Executive Council, immediately before the annual  
meeting of the Society in 1943. The Acting Secretary was instructed  
to notify the sponsors of these candidates of the action taken.

It was VOTED to nominate the following officers of the Society  
for the ensuing two years:

President: Dr. Arthur W. Allen  
Vice-President: Dr. Charles C. Lund  
Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Richard B. Cattell

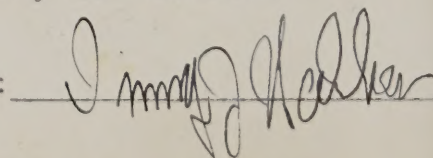
and to nominate Dr. Francis C. Newton as a member of the Executive  
Council to serve for the ensuing five years, taking the place of  
Dr. James C. White whose term expires this year.

It was recommended that the dues for the ensuing year be \$3.00.

Dr. Walker appointed as an Auditing Committee to examine the  
financial records, bank deposits, etc. and report on same at the  
annual meeting in December: Dr. Otto J. Hermann, Chairman, and  
Dr. William R. Morrison.

It was recommended that all meetings for the forthcoming year be  
omitted, with the exception of the annual meeting, which according  
to the By-Laws must be held on the first Monday in December.

Respectfully submitted:



Acting Secretary.



THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING

of The Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
New England Baptist Hospital on Thursday morning,  
November 5, 1942.

The following members were present:

ACTIVE: Drs. Herbert D. Adams, Hollis L. Albright,  
Thomas J. Anglem, David D. Berlin, Richard B. Cattell,  
Edward D. Churchill, J. Edward Flynn, Archibald McK.  
Fraser, Franc D. Ingraham, Charles A. Lamb, Robert R.  
Linton, Samuel F. Marshall, Harlan F. Newton, George  
W. Papen, Louis E. Phaneuf, André Reggio, John A. Seth,  
Richard I. Smith. ASSOCIATE: Drs. Gilbert E. Haggart,  
Gilbert Horrax, John W. Strieder. SENIOR: Drs. Arthur  
R. Kimpton, Halsy B. Loder, Irving J. Walker, Horace  
Binney, David Cheever, Henry T. Hutchins, Frank H. Lahey,  
Lester R. Whitaker.

An Operative Clinic was held from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m.  
at which the following operations were performed:

DR. LAHEY: Carcinoma of stomach. Resection - Transfusion  
Adenomatous goiter. Subtotal thyroidectomy  
Carcinoma of rectum. Second stage Lahey  
abdomino-perineal resection - Transfusion

DR. CATTELL: Cholelithiasis. Cholecystectomy  
Adenomatous goiter. Subtotal thyroidectomy

DR. MARSHALL: Endometrial polyp. Dilatation and  
curettage - Cauterization of cervix  
Adenomatous goiter. Subtotal thyroidectomy

DR. R. ADAMS: Adenoma left lobe of the thyroid. Excision  
Metrorrhagia. Dilatation and curettage -  
Hysterectomy

DR. EWERT: Carcinoma of prostate. Cystoscopy - Frozen  
section - Bilateral orchidectomy

DR. HOOVER: For diagnosis - Esophagoscopy and Biopsy

DR. HAGGART: Unstable lumbo sacral spine; Herniated  
intervertebral disc  
Hemilaminectomy - Spine fusion - ? Transfusion

DRY CLINIC 10:30 to 12:30

Management of Bad Risk Thyroid Patients Dr. Lahey

The Diagnosis and Prognosis of Brain  
Tumors Dr. Horrax

Synovial Cysts of the Popliteal Space Dr. Haggart

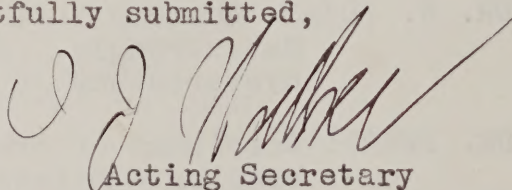
Experience with Total Gastrectomy Dr. Marshall

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| Spinal Anesthesia                                                     | Dr. Eversole        |
| Subarachnoid Ammonium Sulphate<br>Injections for Intractable Pain     | Dr. Hand            |
| Paravertebral Injections for<br>Acute Thrombophlebitis                | Dr. Nicholson       |
| Treatment of Malignant Exophthalmos                                   | Dr. Poppen          |
| Arteriovenous Aneurysms                                               | Dr. Adams (Herbert) |
| A Report of Benign Tumors of the<br>Esophagus                         | Dr. Adams (Ralph)   |
| Pancreatoduodenectomy for<br>Carcinoma                                | Dr. Cattell         |
| Urinary Complications following<br>Operations for Cancer of the Bowel | Dr. Ewert           |

Respectfully submitted,

  
Acting Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH AND ANNUAL MEETING

of The Boston Surgical Society was held at The American Academy of Arts and Sciences on Monday evening, December 7, 1942.

There were present twenty-seven Active members, four Associate members, and eleven Senior members.

It was VOTED to omit the reading of the minutes of the last executive meeting of the Society.

The Treasurer's Report and the Auditor's Report were read and accepted.

The Report of the Trustees of the Bigelow Fund was read.

It was VOTED to omit the hospital meetings of the Society for the forthcoming year, but to continue the three evenings as has been the custom in the past.

It was VOTED that the dues for the coming year should be \$3.00.

It was VOTED that the Admission dues should continue to be \$10.00.

The following officers were elected:

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| PRESIDENT:                       | Dr. Arthur W. Allen    |
| VICE-PRESIDENT:                  | Dr. Charles C. Lund    |
| SECRETARY-TREASURER:             | Dr. Richard B. Cattell |
| MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: | Dr. Francis C. Newton  |

The following candidates for membership were elected by ballot:

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| <u>ACTIVE MEMBERS:</u> | Dr. Edward A. Cooney  |
|                        | Dr. Allan L. Davis    |
|                        | Dr. Theodore C. Pratt |
|                        | Dr. Arnold Starr      |

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| <u>ASSOCIATE MEMBER:</u> | Dr. Donald W. MacCollum |
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An obituary on Dr. Francis S. Watson was read by Dr. Fred B. Lund, and it was VOTED that this tribute be spread upon the records of the Society and a copy sent to the family of Dr. Watson. It was also VOTED to request the Managing Editor of the N. E. Journal of Medicine to publish this obituary in the N. E. Journal of Medicine.

An obituary on Dr. John M. T. Finney was read by Dr. Stephen Rushmore. It was VOTED that this tribute be spread upon the records of the Society and a copy sent to the family of Dr. Finney.

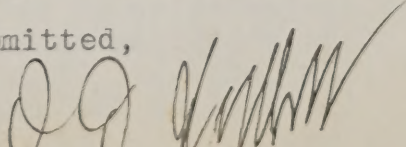
The following Scientific Program was presented:

Spinal Cord Injuries by Dr. Donald Munro

Discussion of the above by Drs. William Jason Mixter, William A. Rogers, and Gilbert Horrax.

On motion the meeting was adjourned for light refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Acting Secretary.



1853-1942

## Francis Sedgwick Watson

It is the difficult duty of the writer of such a notice as this to try to give a word picture of a remarkable, brilliant, handsome, and versatile man, a character unique in the writer's experience, and most lovable. He was an excellent surgeon, a remarkable linguist, and most loyal friend, and faithful servant of the Boston City Hospital, and the Harvard Medical School, a man of high ideals and fine sensibility. He was vibrant with the joy of life, and a most entertaining companion, a thorough sportsman and lover of the outdoors. Of his many summers spent on the Saguenay he has left a most delightful account in that rare book, "A Bundle of Memories," which it has been my privilege to read. In whatever he undertook, his ideals were of the highest. As one of his juniors on the staff of the Boston City Hospital I can give personal testimony to his kindness and helpfulness to the younger and less experienced members of the staff, to his readiness in encouragement and his frankness in criticism.

He was born in Milton, Mass. on May 31, 1853, the son of Robert Sedgwick and Mary Hathaway Watson. He was graduated from Harvard College in 1875, and from the Harvard Medical School in 1879. He was surgical interne at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1878, his colleague being Dr. John B. Wheeler, that sterling surgeon of Burlington, Vermont, with whom he maintained a delightful and intimate friendship the whole of his long life. Their deaths came within a few months of each other.

The leading surgeons of the hospital at that time were Dr. Henry J. Bigelow, Dr. Hodges, and Dr. C. B. Porter, all of whom he greatly admired, and of whom he has written delightfully in his "Bundle of Memories." He had the greatest admiration for Dr. Bigelow, and being like him, a tall, handsome, and brilliant man, with a very marked personality, he reminded his associates of that famous surgeon in his manner and ways of speaking, especially before the students. His real instinct for showmanship helped him to emphasize the points of his lectures and clinics and his brilliant wit made them most entertaining.

After leaving the hospital, he studied in Europe for two years. Of these years he writes, "Those were glorious years, those years we passed in Europe, putting the finishing touches to our medical education, and while yet free from serious care and responsibility." He studied in Vienna, after two months spent in a German family in Dresden in order to learn the language, and in Strasbourg he worked in the laboratories of Waldeyer and von Recklinghausen. On his vacations, he traveled extensively in Italy, Spain, France, and North Africa. His description of his travels reveal a keen appreciation of the art, architecture, music, and life in these countries as seen by a young, enthusiastic, and brilliant observer. I don't know of any writing on travel more interesting and amusing than this part of his "Bundle of Memories."



On his return to this country, he began practice in Boston, beginning by doing a dispensary district. He was surgeon for Genito-Urinary Diseases at the Boston Dispensary, and Surgeon to Out-Patients at the Children's Hospital, City, and Carney Hospitals. He was instructor and lecturer on Minor Surgery and Genito-Urinary Diseases at the Harvard Medical School. In 1894, he became Visiting Surgeon at the Boston City Hospital, and in 1896 was the Head of the Genito-Urinary Department at Harvard, and was president of the American Society of Genito-Urinary Surgeons and presided at the Triennial Meeting in Washington. In 1890 he had been a delegate from the American Association of Andrology to the International Medical Association in Berlin. In 1897 he was invited by the Russian Committee of the International Medical Congress, which sat in Moscow, to be one of the Honorary Presidents of the Congress of the Society of Surgery. He attended the meeting and astonished and delighted the natives by giving his address in Russian, which, needless to say, was a result of much study and a "tour de force" of memory. Of this he writes, "The president called on me to speak and I began in French, saying that I would very much like to respond to our hosts in their own language, and that if they would be indulgent, I would make the attempt to do so. Then I sailed in. With the first words a low murmur arose from the Russians. I at once felt that I had placed the accent on the wrong syllable somewhere in the phrase, and broke into a cold perspiration as the vision of the long journey to Siberia, which was called into being by my heated imagination, arose before me. I felt persuaded that I must have said 'to hell with the Tsar,' or some equally damning words, and braced myself to meet the worst. Then I noticed that the Russians were advancing toward me, holding their champagne glasses in their hands, and smiling encouragement. Being thus relieved as to my fate, I went on with the following few words." These few words proved to be a delightful message of thanks to the Russians for their warm hospitality, and a statement of the pleasant memories he should carry home, and wishes for their good fortune, happiness, and success.

The enthusiasm of the Russians for his address passed all bounds, and, therefore, many healths were drunk, and he had to pretend to drink them in order to avoid direful consequences.

In 1908 with Dr. John H. Cunningham, Jr., he published a complete text book in diseases of the Genito-Urinary System which has remained a standard treatise to this day.

Besides the local and national societies, he was a member of the International Surgical Society, the Urological Societies of Germany and Russia, Corresponding Member of the Surgical Society of Moscow, active member of L'Association Francaise d'Urologie (Vice President in 1911). In 1921, he was elected President d'Honneur de la Societ  Internationale d'Urologie.

In 1906, he resigned as Surgeon in Chief to the Boston City Hospital and lecturer at the Harvard Medical School after twenty-five and thirty years, respectively, of service. He was



a charter member of the Tavern Club, and contributed a brilliant play which he wrote and staged among many other contributions to its proceedings. He was married at Boston, June 16, 1886, to Mary Perkins, who died at Boston, September 19, 1917. In October 1918, he married Genevieve Walker. He had one daughter by his first marriage, who died in infancy.

In his surgery, he was forward looking and courageous. He lived through the time when prostatectomy became a recognized operation, and did much, by example and writing, to help on the adoption of this operation, which has been so great a boon to many sufferers.

In 1888, Dr. Watson presented in monograph, the first classification of the gross pathology of the prostate and formulated the proper surgical procedures to deal with the various types. He emphasized the advantage of attack of certain intravesical growths suprapubically and smaller hypertrophies, sclerotic and malignant types through the perineum. The principles which he outlined in regard to surgical attack in 1888, remain the same today, and it is generally recognized that it was his foresight that outlined the surgical principles now employed.

He was also a pioneer in the electrical destruction of tumors of the bladder, for which he invented an instrument to be employed through suprapubic exposure, as well as the destruction of prostatic hypertrophy with a galvano-cautery instrument of his own invention, which was employed by intraurethral manipulation, which procedure antedated those of Friedenborg and Bottini.

In the N. E. Surgical Society, who of us can forget his brilliant addresses at two meetings, in Portland, Maine, and St. Albans, Vt., where his wit flashed like a comet across the level of our scientific monotony. The dinner at Vermont was held on one of the Lake Champlain Steamers, and the combination of the good dinner, the lovely lake, and Frank Watson's address cannot be soon forgotten.

I cannot close this notice of a beloved, loyal and brilliant friend without saying a word about his admiration and appreciation of his older friends and colleagues such as Drs. David Cheever, Ned Bradford, and George W. Gay of whom he wrote most charmingly in his "Memories." Loyalty and kindness were his chief characteristics, and there was not a mean, jealous, or unkind drop of blood in his body. He differed from most of us in his facility and clearness in the expression of his thoughts and feelings, and these thoughts and feelings to the last were those of a good friend and gallant gentleman. He died in Milton on May 5, 1942.

F. B. Lund.



Wrote in tribute to Dr. Francis Sedgwick Watson  
written by Dr. Fred B. Lund and read at a meeting  
of the Boston Surgical Association.

2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph - Date of birth was May 29-1853

2<sup>nd</sup> " - Date of death of Dr. John B. Wheeler  
was May 1<sup>st</sup> 1942 (five days, not  
five minutes, before  
death of Dr. S. W.

13<sup>th</sup> " - Burlington, Vermont, not -  
St. Albans

14<sup>th</sup> " - Date of death was May 6-1942 - not the 5<sup>th</sup>





JOHN MILLER TURPIN FINNEY

1863-1942

John Finney belonged in a special sense to the Boston Surgical Society, because his influence was a part of the tradition in which the Society was nurtured and many of its founders were his friends.

In 1932, he honored the Society by coming back to deliver an address, on which occasion the Bigelow medal was awarded to him.

He had been identified with the Johns Hopkins Hospital from its opening but it was the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore which was, in a sense, his creation.

A master of surgery, he was distinguished in education as well as in many other fields, and he received well deserved recognition in this country and abroad.

He was the first citizen of no mean city and wherever he went he was, to a striking degree, the object of devoted affection.

His greatest achievement was his own character, to be a wise, courageous, strong and exceeding gentle man.



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1943, AT THE OFFICE OF DR. ARTHUR W. ALLEN.

There were present: Dr. Arthur W. Allen, President, and Drs. Irving J. Walker, Otto J. Hermann, Louis E. Phaneuf, Charles C. Lund, George Van S. Smith, Francis C. Newton and Richard B. Cattell.

The following business was transacted:

The advisability of publishing a new booklet including by-laws and the new membership list was considered and the secretary was instructed to find the cost of publication of an entirely new book, of a new membership list alone or of adding new members' names into the old booklet on hand. The secretary was empowered to go ahead with whatever arrangements seemed best.

Dr. Lund stated that Dr. William R. Morrison had requested the honor of preparing the obituary for Dr. John H. Lucy, and after discussion Dr. Allen appointed Dr. Morrison.

It was VOTED to hold two evening meetings during the winter and spring of 1943; the first on Monday, March 1st and the second on Monday, April 26th.

Dr. Allen suggested the following subjects for these two meetings for consideration: For March 1st, a consideration of the recent Cocoanut Grove Catastrophe; and second, Thrombophlebitis and Embolism on April 26th. It was VOTED to accept these subjects.

Dr. Allen appointed a small Program Committee consisting of Dr. Allen, Dr. Lund and Dr. Cattell for these two meetings.

The place of meeting for the Society was discussed and while it was felt by some that there were certain obligations to move to the Boston Medical Library, for the present the meetings will be continued at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The secretary was asked to procure additional information relative to the cost for holding the meetings at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and John Ware Hall of the Boston Medical Library. The advisability of a dinner meeting was considered but no action was taken.

Respectfully submitted: Richard B. Cattell

Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINTH MEETING

of The Boston Surgical Society was held at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on Monday evening, March 1, 1943, Dr. Arthur W. Allen, President, presiding.

There were present forty Active members, five Associate members and ten Senior members.

It was VOTED to omit reading the minutes of the last executive meeting of the Society.

An obituary was read on Dr. John J. Lucy by Dr. William R. Morrison and it was VOTED that this tribute be spread upon the records of the Society and a copy sent to the family of Dr. Lucy.

At the conclusion of the executive session, Dr. Allen opened the meeting to invited guests. These included associates of members, members of the Army, Navy and Public Health Service, as well as representative surgeons from other New England states, numbering in all ninety-three, making a total attendance of one hundred and forty-eight.

The following scientific program was presented:

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| Dr. A. William Reggio.  | Civilian Defense in its Relation to Civilian Disaster.      |
| Dr. Robert C. Cochrane. | General Survey.                                             |
| Dr. Charles C. Lund.    | Problems of Shock.                                          |
| Dr. Lanskey Taylor.     | Anemia and Hypoproteinemia Following Burns. (By Invitation) |
| Dr. Maxwell Finland.    | Chest Complications. (By Invitation)                        |
| Dr. Oliver Cope.        | The Treatment of Clinical Cases.                            |
| Dr. Henry K. Beecher.   | Sedation of Burned Patients. (By Invitation)                |
| Dr. Champ Lyons.        | Chemotherapy. (By Invitation)                               |

At the conclusion of the above talks, Dr. Allen presented colored slides of the progress of one burn case under treatment.

The meeting was then adjourned for light refreshments.

Respectfully submitted:

*Richard B. Coney*  
Secretary



JOHN J. LUCY.

1893-1942

Dr. John J. Lucy was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts on July 29, 1893. He was educated at Boston Latin School and was graduated from Boston College in 1915, and from Harvard Medical School in 1919.

Dr. Lucy became a Surgical House Officer at the Boston City Hospital, and later House Physician at the Boston Lying In Hospital. During the last World War, Dr. Lucy served in the United States Army as a student in Harvard Medical School.

He became an Out Patient Surgeon at the Boston City Hospital, being promoted to the position of Assistant Visiting Surgeon. He was also Surgeon-in-Chief of a Service at the Cambridge Hospital.

Dr. Lucy was a refined, Christian gentleman; he was a model husband and father. His Mother, Wife and seven children, four daughters and three sons survive him. He was an excellent Surgeon, with good judgment and ability. Modest and unassuming, he did his work well. He endeared himself to his many friends and patients. His many good deeds are a monument to a life given to a noble profession.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTIETH MEETING

of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on Monday evening, April 26, 1943, Dr. Arthur W. Allen, President, presiding.

There were present forty active members, three associate members and twelve senior members.

The minutes of the March 1, 1943 meeting were read and approved.

An announcement was made by Dr. Allan that this was the final meeting until November or December, 1943, the time to be decided by the Executive Council.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session Dr. Allen opened the meeting to invited guests. These included a considerable number in the armed services as well as surgeons from other New England cities numbering eighty-one in all making a total attendance of one hundred and thirty-six.

The following scientific program was presented:

Dr. John Homans

Interruption of the Common Iliac Veins  
in the Prevention of Pulmonary Embolism

Dr. Robert R. Linton

An Evaluation of Femoral Vein Interrup-  
tion in Two Hundred Patients

Discussion opened by Dr. Eugene E. O'Neil  
Dr. Jacob Fine

Dr. James A. Evans

Experiences with Heparin and Dicoumarol  
(By invitation)

The meeting was adjourned for light refreshments.

Respectfully submitted.

*Richard B. Coe*

Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF  
THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY ON NOVEMBER 17, 1943  
AT THE OFFICE OF DR. ARTHUR W. ALLEN

There were present Dr. Arthur W. Allen, presiding, Dr. Charles C. Lund, Dr. Louis E. Phaneuf, Dr. Otto J. Herman, Dr. George V. S. Smith, Dr. Francis C. Newton, and Dr. Richard B. Cattell.

The following business was transacted:

New executive councillor to replace Dr. Louis E. Phaneuf, to hold office from 1943 to 1948, Dr. Jacob Fine.

Proposals for new members were then considered, with the names of Dr. Somers Sturgis, Dr. Bentley P. Colcock, Dr. Ralph Adams, and Dr. William A. White, Jr. being considered for active membership. Dr. Somers Sturgis and Dr. Bentley P. Colcock were deferred without prejudice since they are absent on Military Service. It was voted to nominate Dr. Ralph Adams and Dr. William A. White, Jr. for active membership.

The names of William P. Green and Roger C. Graves were considered for associate membership and it was voted that both be nominated.

The election of two active members would complete the membership of the Society, limited to seventy-five members, until additional active members are transferred to the senior list by their request or by action of the executive council.

Three members of the Society died during the last year. One active member, Dr. George A. Leland, Jr., Dr. A. William Reggio to prepare the obituary; and two senior members, Dr. William F. Wesselhoeft, Dr. Howard M. Clute to prepare the obituary, and Dr. John Bapst Blake, Dr. Fred B. Lund to prepare the obituary.

It was noted in looking over the senior membership that Dr. Paul Thorndike, who died in 1939, had had no recognition in the minutes of the Society, and at a future meeting, Dr. Allen will ask Dr. Horace Binney to prepare an obituary for him to complete the record.

An auditing committee of Dr. Francis C. Newton and Dr. George V. S. Smith was appointed by Dr. Allen.

A subject for the December 6th meeting was considered at some length. It was felt that a subject relating to medicine in the present war would be most acceptable, and Major General W. H. Ogilvie was invited to present the paper of the evening on "Surgery of Mobile Warfare".

Among subjects for the two other meetings of the year were a chest symposium, a report on thiouracil, strictures of the common duct, and a possible second military subject by Dr. Loyal Davis on "Russian War Medicine".

The term of office for officers of the Society was then discussed by Dr. Allen. It was unanimously agreed that it would be to the best interests of the Society to have the officers elected for one year, having a president and president-elect. This would necessitate an ammendment to the By-laws and it was voted to recommend this to

the Society.

The absence of Dr. Henry H. Faxon, an executive councillor whose term would expire in 1945, was discussed, and it was felt that his name should be continued as an executive councillor.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard B. Gutter  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held at the Harvard Club on  
Monday evening, December 6, 1943, Dr. Arthur W. Allen, President,  
presiding.

There were present thirty-nine active members, eleven senior members,  
and two associate members at the Executive Session held in the  
Library. It was voted to omit reading the minutes of the last meeting.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The Auditing Committee's  
report was given by Dr. Francis C. Newton and was accepted.

It was voted that the annual dues would be three dollars (\$3.00)  
for the ensuing year.

Announcement of two later meetings, during the winter and spring  
of 1944, was made by Dr. Allen.

Dr. Jacob Fine was elected as Executive Councillor for a term of  
five years, 1943 to 1948.

Dr. Ralph Adams and Dr. William A. White, Jr. were elected as  
active members.

Dr. William T. Green and Dr. Roger C. Graves were elected as  
associate members.

The changes in the By-laws, recommended by the Executive Council,  
were read by Dr. Allen and discussion was deferred until the  
next meeting, according to the By-laws.

An obituary was read by Dr. A. William Reggio on Dr. George A.  
Leland, Jr.

An obituary was read by Dr. Fred B. Lund on Dr. John Bapst Blake.

It was voted to spread these memorials upon the records of the  
Society and forward copies to their families.

The Executive Session was adjourned for the paper of the evening,  
presented in Harvard Hall by Major General William H. Ogilvie  
on the "Surgery of Mobile Warfare". This was an open meeting,  
attended by members and their guests, totalling two hundred and  
seventy.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted:

Richard B. Cawley

Secretary



Dr. John Bapst Blake  
1866-1943

Bapst Blake was the son of Dr. John G. Blake who is well remembered by (alas) only a few of our older emeriti as the chief of the Gynecological Service at the Boston City Hospital during the earlier days of our connection with it. He is remembered for his sound judgment, buoyant personality, and his delightful humor. Bapst was born in Boston on April 4, 1866, attended the Chauncy Hall School, and graduated from Harvard College in 1887 and from Harvard Medical School in 1891. He served a term as Surgical House Officer at the Boston City Hospital and then went to Europe where he took a general course at the Allgemeiner Krankenhaus in Vienna and studied, among many other celebrated professors, surgery under Billroth and Von Eiselsberg. On his return, he was appointed Surgical House Officer at the City Hospital in 1890. On the expiration of his term, he entered practice in Boston, was appointed Surgeon to Out-Patients in 1895, became in due time Visiting Surgeon, and was appointed Surgeon in Chief in 1911, the duties of which office he performed until 1922 when he resigned on account of his health and was appointed Consulting Surgeon.

At the Harvard Medical School, he served as Assistant in Anatomy but was soon transferred to the Surgical Department where he rose through various grades to the position of Assistant Professor of Surgery. He took great interest in surgical teaching and in connection with Professor Herbert L. Burrell introduced the method of case teaching into the Medical School. The method was adopted on the basis of a study of case teaching in the Law School, where it had been for some years employed, and attracted great interest in teaching circles among the students. With Dr. Burrell, he published a book on "Case Teaching in Surgery" and cooperated with Drs. Cheever, Gray, and Mason as editor of a "History of the Boston City Hospital". In connection with Professor Walter Cannon in the early days of the x-ray, he carried out an investigation on the effects of gastro-enterostomy. The subjects were cats, which were studied after and before the operation by the use of x-rays and the opaque meal. This was one of the early efforts in this direction and attracted a great deal of attention. He wrote numerous papers, including, "The Effect of Sterile Oil in the Peritoneal Cavity in Preventing Adhesions", "A Study of Sudden Death", and with Dr. George H. Monks, "The Position of the Vermiform Appendix as Studied in 600 Cases", "Compound Fractures Involving the Knee Joint", and many other subjects.

He served as Visiting Surgeon also at the Long Island Hospital and at Saint Elizabeth's, and was Consulting Surgeon to the Boston Insane Hospital. He was a fellow of the American Surgical Association, and, of course, of the American Medical Association and of the Massachusetts Medical Society. During his medical course, he was president of the Boston Medical Society. He was a member also of the American Gastro-Enterological Association, the Boston Surgical Society, and the Society of



Medical History, the Obstetrical Society of Boston, and the Boston Society of Medical Temperament

In 1899, he married Ann Hastings, who died in 1910. They had seven children--Barbara, John Bapst, Jr., Hugh Hastings, Gerald Blake 2nd, Robert Fulton Blake 2nd, who survive, and Ann, who died in infancy. In his young days, Bapst was a fine athlete; he rowed in his class crew, and enjoyed to the full mountain climbing, sailing, and swimming. He was a tall, robust man, full of the joy of life, and whenever he had time, used to hike over the Milton hills with his brothers and other cronies. He was a man of fine sensibilities and a delightful companion. In his profession, he contributed, as stated before, to the advance of surgical teaching and gave freely of himself to his work in the Medical School. He was no mean poet and wrote excellent verse, the character of which may be judged by the appended poem he wrote about the City Hospital, which I cannot help introducing here:

"Refuge of sufferers! Conqueror of pain!  
Healer of wounds, and woes and misery!  
Bleeding or sick, the people turn to thee,  
Seeking thy touch to make them whole again!  
Standing within the city's southern gate,  
Stretching wide open arms to all who need;  
Sleepless, thou welcom'st every race and creed,  
Springtime or autumn, early hour or late.  
We are thy sons; each one in his own way  
Gave of his best to thine abundant store,  
And in thy service found, as children may,  
Knowledge, strength, skill they knew not of before.  
Loving, we watch thee grow from day to day,  
Knowing thy name is blessed evermore!"

Dr. Bapst was a worthy member of a fine family--Dr. John G. Blake and his talented wife, the father, and his five sons, Bapst, Fred, Gerald (who was a distinguished and beloved physician, recently deceased) Robert Fulton, Arthur, and the talented sister, Marie, made up a family that Dr. John G. was rightly proud of.

During the later years of his life, his health prevented him from active professional work and required, at times, his residence in hospitals at a distance from his home. Those who knew him in his earlier years could only deeply regret the cutting off at the height of his career, the work which had already accomplished so much in the teaching of surgery and promised so much for the future.

His written contributions to surgical literature were, some of them, of great value.

We mourn a buoyant, charming, and able colleague, a gentleman and a faithful friend. He died on August 17, 1943 at Brattleboro, Vermont.

F. B. L.



## George Adams Leland, Jr.

May 19, 1886 - September 22, 1943

George Adams Leland, Jr. died on September 22, 1943 while operating. After recovery from a cardiac episode some three years before his death, his future activity was thoroughly discussed with his medical advisor. The decision made was characteristic of Adams. He chose, with full knowledge of the consequences, to carry on as long as he could rather than to limit his activities drastically.

Adams received his medical degree in 1911 from the Harvard Medical School, then served as House Officer on the West Surgical Service in the Massachusetts General Hospital. This was followed by three years as Resident Surgeon on the East Surgical Service. After this, he was associated with Dr. Charles L. Scudder until Dr. Scudder's retirement from private practice in 1925. This association was temporarily interrupted when Adams went overseas with Base Hospital Number 6 during World War I, serving finally as Adjutant and ending with the rank of Captain.

At the time of his death, Adams was Visiting Surgeon at the Massachusetts General and Palmer Memorial Hospitals, and Consulting Surgeon to the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Addison Gilbert Hospital in Gloucester, and the New Hampshire Memorial Hospital in Concord, New Hampshire. He was also Visiting Surgeon at the Collis P. Huntington Memorial Hospital up to the time of its transfer to the Massachusetts General Hospital. He taught surgery at the Harvard Medical School for many years, holding the position of Associate in Surgery there. He was a member of many local and national medical societies.

Aside from such honorable positions held by Adams, there was the man himself to be known.

Our first real acquaintance was in the Medical School. Somehow our paths crossed and we became very intimate, even though Adams was a year ahead of me and hence always seemed so much more learned in the study of medicine. Sam Robinson, whom many of us recall, was at the Massachusetts General Hospital starting in with some special work in the surgery of the chest and was also doing experimental work at the school. Adams and I worked with him many nights. It was here that the meticulous technique always insisted upon by Adams was first impressed on me. He was never satisfied with anything but the best - either in himself or in others.

Though Adams had a keen sense of humor, whether at his own expense or someone else's, there were times when his sarcasm could be so stinging that the individual at whom it was aimed was not infrequently left with the wrong impression of him. It was just his way of expressing his aversion to any half way methods - nothing personal. Adams never spared himself and had no patience with anyone who did not give of his best when the welfare of a patient was concerned. It made no difference whether that patient



was a millionaire, a pauper, or an experimental animal in the laboratory.

Besides his skill in general surgery, Adams had a special interest and proficiency in the field of malignancy and fractures. His presentations and discussions at medical meetings were always characteristic of him. Clear cut and backed up by the conviction of their soundness from his own experiences and from the experiences of others. Invariably during his discussions there would suddenly be interjected some whimsical remark which helped to emphasize the point he was making.

Adams Leland will be missed by all of us who knew him well. Wise counsellor when advice was sought - an understanding friend when in need of one.

To his family we extend our heartfelt and sincere sympathy for we, the friends of Adams Leland, know what his passing means to them.

A. W. R.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1944, AT THE OFFICE OF DR. ARTHUR W. ALLEN

There were present Dr. Arthur W. Allen, presiding, Dr. Irving J. Walker, Dr. George V. S. Smith, Dr. Francis C. Newton, Dr. Jacob Fine, and Dr. Richard B. Cattell. The following business was transacted.

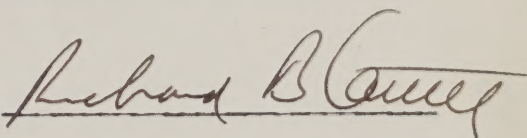
The proposal of Dr. James L. Poppen for Associate Membership by Dr. Frank H. Lahey and Dr. G. E. Haggart, and Dr. Edward Benedict by Dr. Joe V. Meigs and Dr. Arthur W. Allen for Associate Membership were approved by the Executive Council and will be presented at the next Annual Meeting in December, 1944.

It was voted to hold two meetings - the first on Monday, February 7, 1944, and the second on Monday, April 3, 1944.

It was voted to have Case Reports by members of the Society as the Scientific Program for the meeting on Monday, February 7, 1944. The secretary was instructed to send a notice to all members (Senior, Active, and Associate) requesting them to submit Case Reports, following which the program would be decided upon by the Executive Council and then announced.

For the program on Monday, April 3, 1944, it was suggested by Dr. Allen that it be held open in case there was some Army or Navy Medical Officer returning who would present an interesting program, holding in abeyance the offer of Colonel T. B. Jones of Fort Devens to present "Abdominal Injuries" with the possibility of someone from the Chelsea Naval Hospital to present another surgical subject.

Respectfully submitted:



Richard B. Cattell, M. D.  
Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON  
SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1944 AT THE OFFICE  
OF DR. ARTHUR W. ALLEN.

There were present Dr. Arthur W. Allen, Dr. Irving J. Walker,  
Dr. Charles C. Lund, Dr. George V. S. Smith, and Dr. Richard B.  
Cattell. The following business was transacted:

Dr. Lincoln Davis was asked to present the memorial to Dr. Harry  
F. Hartwell. It was arranged to have the obituary on Dr. Paul  
Thorndike presented by Dr. Fred B. Lund, and that on Dr. William  
F. Wesselhoeft to be presented by Dr. Howard M. Clute.

Fourteen Case Abstracts were received by the Secretary from  
members for consideration of the Council for the meeting on  
February 7, 1944. Six were selected, and the secretary was  
instructed to notify them as well as those whose Cases were  
not accepted; the latter are to be held on file for a possible  
later meeting.

Consideration of the program for the April meeting was presented  
by Dr. Allen, including a presentation on "Abdominal Injuries"  
by Colonel T. B. Jones of the Lovell General Hospital and a  
second military paper by some naval officer, possibly from the  
Chelsea Naval Hospital.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard B. Cattell

Richard B. Cattell, M. D.  
Secretary

*Second*

THE ONE-HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING

of The Boston Surgical Society was held at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on Monday evening, February 7, 1944, Dr. Arthur W. Allen, President, presiding.

There were present twenty-six active members, five senior members, and three associate members.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was voted to amend the By-Laws as follows:

Paragraph 1 to read as follows: "The officers of the Society (in addition to the Executive Council) shall be a president, a president-elect, a vice-president, a secretary and treasurer; the last two offices to be held by the same person."

Paragraph 2 to read as follows: "The foregoing officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Society in December, and shall hold office for one year from the first day of the following January. The president shall not be eligible for immediate re-election."

Paragraph 4: To add, "president-elect" as member of the Executive Council.

An obituary on Dr. Harry F. Hartwell was read by Dr. Lincoln Davis, on Dr. Paul Thorndike by Dr. Fred B. Lund, and on Dr. William F. Wesselhoeft by Dr. Howard M. Clute.

It was voted to spread these memorials on the records of the Society, and the Secretary was instructed to send copies to the immediate family.

An announcement of the meeting for Monday, April 3, 1944 of the Military program was made.

The following Scientific Program was presented:

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| "Complete Traumatic Dislocation of the<br>Knee Joint"                                                                                       | James W. Sever, M. D.      |
| "Local Gangrene Due to Arterial Spasm<br>and Thrombosis Relieved by Thoracic<br>Sympathectomy"                                              | E. Everett O'Neil, M. D.   |
| "Jaundice, Melena and Hematemesis<br>from Malignant Ulcer of Second Portion<br>of Duodenum Originating in Carcinoma<br>of Head of Pancreas" | Arnold Starr, M. D.        |
| "The Prevention of Shock During and<br>After Adrenalectomy"                                                                                 | William C. Quinby, M. D.   |
| "Traumatic Laceration of the Thoracic-<br>Esophagus"                                                                                        | Richard H. Overholt, M. D. |
| "Recurrent Jejunal Ulcer Following Sub-<br>total Gastrectomy Relieved by Resection<br>of the Antrum"                                        | Samuel F. Marshall, M. D.  |

Members of the Society discussed the cases.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

*Richard B. Cattell*  
Richard B. Cattell, M. D.  
Secretary





Boston, Mass.

Harry Fairbanks Hartwell

Dr. Harry F. Hartwell died on December 7, 1943, after a long illness. He graduated from Harvard College with the Class of 1895, and received his M.D. degree *cum laude* from the Harvard Medical School in 1898. During the following year he served as House Officer on the South Surgical Service at the Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1904 he was appointed Assistant Orthopedic Surgeon and in 1911 Assistant Surgical Pathologist, becoming Surgical Pathologist in 1916. He served overseas in 1915 with the first Harvard Unit, under the late Dr. E. H. Nichols.

Upon his retirement in 1938, after twenty-seven years of service in the Laboratory, Dr. Hartwell was appointed to the Board of Consultation. *1 etc 1943*

As a young man in college, Harry Hartwell played enthusiastically on the varsity football squad. He never made the first team, but cheerfully took many a hard knock in developing it. In after life, for many years at the Hospital, he enthusiastically played an important though an inconspicuous part in the teamwork of the organization. His painstaking, thorough, and sound work in the Surgical Laboratory was the basis for many a successful operation. He applauded the success of others; he asked little for himself.

A fine, steadfast character, a loyal son of Harvard and the M.G.H.

L.D.



## PAUL THORNDIKE, M. D.

Dr. Paul Thorndike was born in Beverly, Massachusetts in 1863. He was the son of Dr. William Thorndike and Martha Abbott Thorndike, was educated at the Beverly Schools, and graduated from Harvard College in 1884; he attended the Harvard Medical School and received his medical degree in 1888. In 1887, he began his service to the Boston City Hospital on the Ophthalmic and Aural Service, after graduation became house officer in the Surgical Service, after which he served as house officer at the Boston-Lying-In Hospital. He then went to Vienna for the study of surgery. He began practice in Boston in June, 1890, and served as surgeon to Out-Patients at the Carney Hospital and also at the Long Island Hospital. In 1894, he was appointed surgeon to Out-Patients at the City Hospital, which was the beginning of a connection with that Hospital which lasted until his retirement. He rose through the various grades to the Presidency of the Senior Staff, from which he retired in 1925 at the age of sixty-two years. It was during his long association with the Hospital that the institution started and largely completed the professional and physical expansion which procured for it a high place among the hospitals of the country. Much of this expansion took place when he was President of the Staff.

By 1900, he was a first assistant visiting surgeon, at which time the South Department was in operation, and the Hospital provided seven-hundred and two beds, of which two-hundred and twenty-seven were surgical.

In the earlier days, there was no special department of Genito-Urinary Surgery at the Hospital, except the Out-Patient Department. In 1915, he was given fourteen beds, and later in 1919 a ward for urological cases for a teaching service. With his resignation in 1925, this provision ceased to exist. He was first instructor and later clinical professor of Genito-Urinary Surgery at the Harvard Medical School. He devoted himself to the specialty of Genito-Urinary Surgery and wrote many contributions to the literature of this special subject in the medical journals. He also furnished articles on special subjects to one or two textbooks of surgery about 1890. He was active in the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons to which he was elected in 1892, and of which he became President in 1903. He was also a member of the American Urological Association and from 1910 to 1912 was President of the New England branch of that society.

The quality of Dr. Thorndike's professional work is evidenced by the fact of his long and important service in his special department at the Hospital, and at the same time a large number of devoted patients in private practice, as well as the fact that he became President of the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons. In the business of this Hospital staff, his tact and good humor made him useful when the controversies which inevitably arrive during a program of expansion took place, for then these qualities came to the fore and frequently aided in a friendly settlement of disputes.

Dr. Thorndike on December 30, 1891 was married to Rachel Emery,



daughter of General W. T. Sherman, and had three children - Dr. W. T. Sherman Thorndike, who was assistant superintendent of the Massachusetts General Hospital and now is with the hospital unit at Casablanca; Martha, who is now Mrs. Joseph Hamlin; and Mary, now Mrs. John Rick.

Dr. Thorndike was a tall, handsome man with most attractive manners and a fine singing voice, which made him much sought after on many social occasions. His friends were many and devoted, and the large number of clubs and societies of which he was a member resulted in a wide appreciation of his character. Since his death, the loss of his charm and personality have left a gap in many circles which will be hard to fill. His fine nature was shown by the fact that he helped and took care of certain colleagues whose service to the Hospital had not saved them from poverty and illness in old age, as the writer can testify from personal knowledge.

F. B. L.



## WILLIAM FESSENDEN WESSELHOEFT

1862 - 1943

Dr. William Fessenden Wesselhoeft died on June 27, 1943 at the age of eighty-one of arteriosclerosis and coronary heart disease. Born in Boston, he entered Harvard College in 1880 where he graduated in 1884. While in college, he rowed on the freshman crew and played football on the varsity team.

In 1887, Dr. Wesselhoeft graduated from Harvard Medical School and completed his medical training by taking post-graduate courses at the Rotunda in Dublin and in Vienna. He then returned to Boston to practice surgery.

Dr. William Wesselhoeft was the third of his name to practice medicine in Boston. His father, William Palmer Wesselhoeft, after graduating from Harvard Medical School in 1857, took up the principles of the homeopathic methods of practice with the utmost enthusiasm. The son, unlike his father, lacked any deep enthusiasm for homeopathic principles and preferred instead to develop himself in surgery. In this he was very successful, and as the years passed he was promoted through various positions in the surgical department of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals. He devised a method of sterilizing catgut under pressure which was used for a number of years by the Hospital and as late as 1917. At his retirement, he was Professor of Clinical Surgery at Boston University School of Medicine and Surgeon-in-Chief to the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals.

During World War I, Dr. Wesselhoeft was made a Lieutenant Colonel and placed in charge of Base Hospital #44 and with this unit he served in France. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Boston Surgical Society.

Dr. Wesselhoeft married Emily Bradley, of Boston and Brattleboro, Vermont, who died in 1931. He is survived by four daughters: Margetta, widow of the late Dr. Bigelow, formerly commissioner of health of Massachusetts and Superintendent of the Massachusetts General Hospital; Susan, widow of Mr. Renouf Russell; Alice, wife of the Honorable Leverett Saltonstall, Governor of Massachusetts; and Emily, wife of Colonel William A. Barron, Jr., Chief-of-Staff of the First Service Command. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren, two of whom are now serving in the Marines, three in the Navy and one in the Army. There are five great grandchildren.

During all his years of service in surgery, Dr. Wesselhoeft was noted for his professional honesty and his charitable attitude toward the poor. His unusual professional ability, and above all his kindness and helpfulness to both colleagues and patients will always remain in the memory of all who knew him.



*Third*

THE ONE-HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-~~SECOND~~ MEETING  
of The Boston Surgical Society was held at the American Academy  
of Arts and Sciences on Monday evening, April 3, 1944, Dr. Arthur  
W. Allen, President, presiding.

There were present thirty-three active members, three associate  
members, and fifteen senior members. There were in addition  
fifty-eight guests, making a total attendance of one-hundred and nine.

It was voted to omit the reading of the Minutes of the last  
meeting.

Dr. Charles G. Mixter read an obituary on Dr. Edward Peirson  
Richardson, and it was voted to spread the memorial on the Minutes  
of the Society and send a copy to the family.

An announcement was made that the next meeting would be the Annual  
Meeting on Monday, December 4, 1944.

The Scientific Program was then presented in the form of a Military  
Symposium as follows:

"Casualties in the South  
Pacific"

Benjamin Tenney, Jr.,  
Captain, M. C., U. S. N. R.  
(by invitation)

and

"Surgical Problems in the  
Treatment and Evacuation  
in the Buna Campaign"

Augustus Thorndike,  
Colonel, M. C., A. U. S.

These papers were discussed by members and their guests.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

*Richard B. Cattell*  
Richard B. Cattell, M. D.,  
Secretary



## EDWARD PEIRSON RICHARDSON

A quiet unassuming, yet forceful personality, an intellectual and keenly acquisitive mind, a considered sound judgment and a faultlessly developed technique made Edward Peirson Richardson one of the most outstanding and respected surgeons of his generation.

Born in Boston, April 4, 1881, the son of Maurice Howe and Margaret Peirson Richardson, he grew up in a surgical atmosphere. His father, well remembered by many of us, had attained a prominent position both in this country and abroad and at the time of his death was Moseley Professor of Surgery at the Harvard Medical School and Surgeon-in-Chief of the Massachusetts General Hospital. The oldest of six children, Edward determined in his school days to follow in the footsteps of his father. During his four years at Harvard College his scholastic duties did not weigh too heavily on his shoulders and he found time to indulge and develop his favorite pastimes of shooting and fishing. He made no attempt to attain high standing in his class, but graduated without difficulty in 1902.

On entering the Harvard Medical School, his intellectual brilliancy and his earnestness of purpose were at once evident. He graduated cum laude at the head of his class with a figure above 92 percent for the four years' work. However, he was in no sense the typical grind. He enjoyed his friends and knew how to have a good time, but best of all he loved nature and the outdoors, on mountain-stream, or wind-swept sand dune.

From the time of his graduation, his career was intimately linked with the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Harvard Medical School. He served as House Pupil on the East Surgical Service at the General, then worked in the Out-Patient Department, and in 1911 was appointed to the Surgical Staff. In 1913 he was made Assistant in Surgery at the School. During the early professional years he had the great privilege of being associated with his father and assisting him in his very extensive surgical practice. Not only did he have the great advantage of learning by precept from one of the foremost surgeons of his day, but his development was hastened by the burden of responsibility thrown on his shoulders as soon as he had finished his internship. In those days the small community hospital was coming into being but there were no surgically-trained local physicians. Dr. Maurice Richardson, as consultant to many such hospitals, was able to pass much of the emergency work on to his son. No such test of a young man's capacity to assume responsibility without support and show his true worth is afforded today, unless it is in the active phases of war surgery or administration. It was a hard life assisting his father all day perhaps, and then spending the major part of the night driving over the rough country roads of that period to do an emergency operation with inadequate assistance and poor anesthesia thrown in. His work was of such a high calibre that shortly the prejudice against a youngster in surgery was overcome and he was appointed surgeon or consultant to many such institutions.

His hospital responsibilities were increasing and the sudden death of his father in 1912 had placed an added burden of private



practice on his shoulders but in 1915 he went to France with the first Harvard Unit, Number 22 General Hospital, British Expeditionary Force in the second year of the first World War. Later when the United States entered the war he returned to service with the rank of Captain, was subsequently promoted to Major, and was with the A. E. F. in France and Germany in 1918 and 1919.

With the expansion of the Massachusetts General Hospital and the recognition of the necessity of a well-balanced teaching program in that institution, it was found necessary in 1919 to establish a full time surgical teaching service to parallel the full-time medical service developed by Dr. David Edsall.

To Dr. Richardson from among the many capable members of the Staff was allotted the task of organizing this new departure from the surgical traditions of the General. In 1927 the Harvard Medical School made him John Homans Professor of Surgery. How well and wisely he planned and administered this unit is attested by the smoothness with which his successor took up the reins only a few short years after its establishment, when illness forced his retirement in 1930.

His teaching was direct and lucid and unencumbered by the superfluous word. His lectures, conscientiously prepared, were gleaned from an extensive experience and a profound knowledge of surgical literature. His operative technique was a joy to watch. His movements were unflurried and made with deceptive deliberation. His knowledge of anatomy, normal and pathological alike, combined with accurate sharp dissection and meticulous hemostasis, made the difficult procedure appear simple. He was equally at home in the neck, the abdomen, or the extremity, but his greatest interest was in the gastrointestinal tract and the thyroid gland. His contributions to the literature gave the imprint of accurately recorded observation and carefully considered judgment. In fact, fundamental soundness was the keynote of his teaching, his surgery and his writing.

In addition to the Boston Surgical Society, the recognition of his eminence in his profession won him membership in many surgical organizations: The American Surgical Association, the International Surgical Society, the Southern Surgical Association, the New England Surgical Society and the Society of Clinical Surgery, to enumerate but a few. Always a welcome attendant at the Scientific Sessions, his presentations and discussions were received with the close attention his carefully weighed opinion deserved.

In 1917 he married Clara Shattuck, the daughter of Dr. Frederick C. Shattuck, Jackson Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Harvard Medical School and Chief of the East Medical Service at the Massachusetts General Hospital, one of Boston's foremost physicians. Their happy married life was all too short, as Mrs. Richardson died less than five years later, leaving three boys to whom their father was devotedly attached.

In the tragedies of life can a man's strength best be gauged. Not one word of complaint did Edward Richardson speak in the sorrow of his wife's loss and the severance of their congenial, sympathetic union. Not one word of remonstrance did he utter when his untimely illness forced his retirement from his chosen profession. He



was but forty-nine with the height of his career broadening before him when disability overtook him. Gone was his active participation in surgery and in teaching, in sport afield with gun and dog and on sea and marsh with decoys and boat. With a courage we all admire but few could emulate, he taught himself new hobbies and educated his left hand to do what his right could no longer accomplish. He fished and painted, and with great fortitude because of his handicap, he traveled extensively with his boys. He did not permit himself to become embittered, but maintained his interest in his profession, his hospital and his societies, and attended the meetings even though he could no longer join in the discussions.

Dr. Richardson died on January 26, 1944. His passing will be deeply felt in many places; in his practice where his skilled and sympathetic care helped many a grateful patient, in the hospital where his leadership and ability set so stimulating an example, in the University where his wide knowledge and forceful teaching were invaluable to faculty and student, and in his profession where his exceptional talent was esteemed and his considered opinion eagerly sought.

Death has taken from our ranks a loyal friend, a great surgeon, a courageous gentleman.

C. G. M.



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1944, AT THE OFFICE OF DR. ARTHUR W. ALLEN

There were present Dr. Arthur W. Allen, Dr. C. C. Lund, Dr. R. B. Cattell, Dr. O. J. Hermann, Dr. F. C. Newton and Dr. G. V. Smith.

Arrangements for the coming Annual Meeting were planned.

It was decided to plan the February and April, 1945, meetings of the Society at a later gathering of the Council.

The subject "Thiouracil in Hyperthyroidism" was chosen for a symposium at the December 4, 1944, meeting. The following men would be asked to give 15-minute papers: Dr. E. B. Astwood, Dr. Robert H. Williams, Dr. Elmer C. Bartels, and Dr. R. W. Rawson. The following men would be asked to discuss: Dr. Howard M. Clute, Dr. Oliver Cope, Dr. Ralph Adams, and possibly Dr. Francis D. Moore by invitation.

It was agreed to recommend that the annual dues be \$3.00.

It was decided to postpone action toward an obituary for Dr. Farrar Cobb until the next meeting of the Council. Dr. Lincoln Davis seemed the proper person to approach in this matter.

Dr. James L. Poppen and Dr. Edward B. Benedict were approved for Associate Membership, pending election by the Society.

The following were nominated for the Society's Officers for the coming year:

President: Dr. Howard M. Clute  
 President-elect: Col. Elliot C. Cutler  
 Vice-president: Dr. Otto J. Hermann  
 Secretary-treasurer: Dr. Richard B. Cattell  
 Member of Executive Council 1944-49: Dr. Leland S. McKittrick.

Dr. Allen appointed Dr. F. C. Newton and Dr. G. V. Smith as the Auditing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

*George V. Smith*

Secretary-treasurer pro tem.

(Dr. Richard B. Cattell being on temporary service for the United States Navy.)

THE ONE-HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on Monday evening, December 4, 1944, Dr. Arthur W. Allen, President, presiding.

There were present twenty-two active members, two associate members and five senior members. In addition, there were forty-two guests, making a total attendance of seventy-one.

Executive session:

- (1) It was voted to omit reading the minutes of the last meeting.
- (2) The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Dr. F. C. Newton submitted the report of the Auditing Committee, which was accepted.
- (3) It was voted that the annual dues for the coming year would be Three Dollars per member.
- (4) It was voted to omit the morning clinical meetings for the ensuing year and to have the three evening meetings.
- (5) The following Officers were elected:
 

President: Dr. Howard M. Clute  
 President-elect: Col. Elliott C. Cutler  
 Vice-president: Dr. Otto J. Hermann  
 Secretary-treasurer: Dr. Richard B. Cattell  
 Member of the Executive Council 1944-1949: Dr. Leland S. McKittrick.
- (6) Drs. James L. Poppen and Edward B. Benedict were elected Associate Members.

Dr. Arthur W. Allen then turned the meeting over to Dr. Howard M. Clute.

Scientific session:

Subject: Thiouracil in Hyperthyroidism.

Dr. E. B. Astwood (by invitation), "Remission of Thyrotoxicosis During Treatment with Thiouracil."

Dr. Robert H. Williams (by invitation), "Thiouracil in the Treatment of Thyrotoxicosis."

Dr. Elmer C. Bartels (by invitation), "Thiouracil in the Pre-operative Management of Severe Hyperthyroidism."

Dr. R. W. Rawson (by invitation), "How Thiouracil Effects a Fall in the Basal Metabolism and What Changes It Produces in the Thyroid Gland of Patients with Graves' Disease."

There were formal discussions by Dr. Howard M. Clute, Dr. Ralph H. Adams and Dr. Francis D. Moore (by invitation). These were follow-



ed by a general discussion.

The meeting was adjourned for light refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

*George V. Smith.*

Secretary-treasurer pro tem.

(Dr. Richard B. Cattell being on temporary consultation service for the United States Navy.)

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY ON TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 2, 1945, AT THE OFFICE OF DR. HOWARD M. CLUTE.

There were present Dr. Howard M. Clute, Dr. Otto J. Hermann, Dr. George Smith, Dr. F. C. Newton, Dr. Jacob Fine, and Dr. R. B. Cattell.

Absent were Dr. Arthur W. Allen and Dr. Leland S. McKittrick. In absentia, military service, were Dr. Elliot C. Cutler and Dr. Henry H. Faxon.

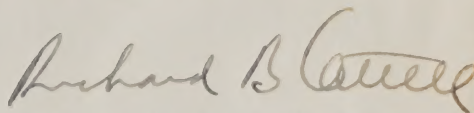
It was voted that the next meeting would be held at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on Monday evening, February 5, 1945. The subject selected was "Strictures of the Bile Duct" to be presented by Dr. Cattell. Discussion was to be opened by Dr. Arthur W. Allen and other members representing the other hospitals of Boston.

It was voted that the third and last meeting for the year would be Monday, April 2, 1945 at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

It was suggested that the subject be "Peripheral Nerve Injuries" and, if possible, Lieutenant Commander Livingston of the U. S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, California, was to be invited to speak or Major Van Wagenen, or a second subject of "Intervertebral Discs" be presented by Colonel Spurling of the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Voted that an obituary for Dr. Farrar Cobb be presented at the next meeting by Dr. Lincoln Davis.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard B. Cattell, M. D.  
Secretary



FARRAR COBB  
1867-1944

Doctor Farrar Cobb was born in Saugerties, New York, May 6, 1867. His education followed the familiar pattern of those days: Roxbury Latin, Harvard College, and then Harvard Medical School, from which he graduated with praise, June, 1893. He entered surgery as an intern at the Massachusetts General Hospital, followed by apprenticeships with Doctors Conant and H.H.A. Beach, with whom he was associated for many years. He was on the Surgical Staff of the Massachusetts General Hospital from 1900 to 1917 rising from the lowest grade to Visiting Surgeon. He was a Lt. in the Medical Reserve Corp of the U. S. Army during the Spanish American War. His surgical interests were broad, extending from intestinal perforations in typhoid fever and acute hematogenous infections of the kidney to cancer of the tongue, jaw, and uterus. His best remembered publication was a review of fifteen years study of cancer of the uterus in the Massachusetts General Hospital. In this he advocated Wertheim operation. In addition to his surgical interest he concerned himself with hospital design and administration. He was superintendent of the Eye & Ear Infirmary from 1895 to 1915. His advice was sought in the planning and construction of several hospitals. He acted as secretary to the building committee of the Harvard Medical School. A decade after his retirement from the Massachusetts General Hospital, he took up his residence on Cape Cod where he continued to practice as Consulting Surgeon to the Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis. Here, close to the sea, he spent his leisure time in fishing and sailing. He was 77 years old when he died May 30, 1944.

THE ONE-HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the American  
Academy of Arts and Sciences on Monday evening, February 5, 1945,  
and Dr. Howard M. Clute, President, presided.

There were present twenty-four active members, six associate  
members, and three senior members, and with their invited guests  
a total attendance of eighty-eight.

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The Scientific Session was then proceeded with.

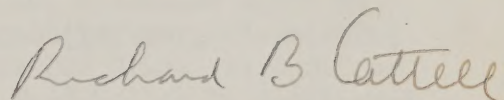
Subject: Delayed Recovery Following Peripheral Nerve Injuries.

Commander William K. Livingston, (MC), USNR  
Head of the Peripheral Nerve Center, U. S. Naval Hospital,  
Oakland, California.

The discussion was opened by Captain James C. White and continued  
by Lieutenant Colonel Van Wagenen, Dr. Denny Brown, Dr. Donald Munro,  
and Commander Livingston.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard B. Cattell, M. D.  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY was held at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on Monday evening, April 2nd, 1945. Dr. Howard M. Clute, President, presided.

There were present twenty-five active members, three associate members, and four senior members with a number of guests.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was agreed to spread the obituary prepared by Dr. Henry Marble of Dr. Farrar Cobb on the record of the Society.

The Scientific Session was then proceeded with.

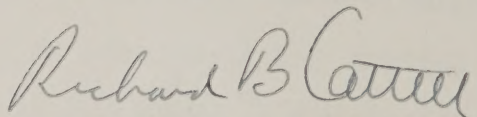
Subject: "Benign Strictures of the Bile Ducts"

Richard B. Cattell, M. D.

The discussion was opened by Dr. Gordon Donaldson, by invitation, and continued by Dr. Thomas Anglem, Dr. Ernest M. Daland, Dr. Irving J. Walker, Dr. Horace K. Sowles, Dr. Frank H. Lahey, and Dr. Richard B. Cattell.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard B. Cattell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Richard B. Cattell, Secretary

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY ON Tuesday afternoon, September 18, 1945, at the office of Dr. Howard M. Clute.

There were present Dr. Howard M. Clute, Dr. Jacob Fine, Dr. Leland S. McKittrick, Dr. George V. S. Smith, and Dr. Richard B. Cattell.

Voted to recommend to the Society that the annual dues be continued at three dollars.

The chair appointed an Auditing Committee of Dr. Jacob Fine and Dr. Leland S. McKittrick.

Voted to recommend to the Society that the following slate of officers for 1946 be recommended to the Society:

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| President-elect        | Dr. Donald Munro       |
| President              | Dr. Elliott Cutler     |
| Vice-President         | Dr. Joe V. Meigs       |
| Secretary-Treasurer    | Dr. Richard B. Cattell |
| Executive Councillor   | Dr. Richard I. Smith   |
| (for a five-year term) |                        |

According to the by-laws the next meeting of the Society, which is the annual meeting, will be held on Monday, December 3rd. It was agreed that Dr. Claude ~~M.~~ Dixon be invited by Dr. Clute to present the paper for this meeting on Intestinal Anastomosis. In case Dr. Dixon could not be present it was suggested that Dr. Fred Collier be considered for alternate on the same subject, this to be arranged by Dr. Clute.

It was decided to hold another meeting of the Executive Council preceding the December meeting for the consideration of nominations for membership.

It was decided that two additional meetings be held in February and April of 1946 and that further consideration should be given to the possibility of holding one or two clinical meetings in the spring of 1946.

Three members were deceased during 1945. It was agreed that Dr. George G. Smith should be asked to give the obituary on Dr. Richard O'Neil; Dr. Edward L. Young to give the obituary on Dr. Hugh Cabot; and Dr. Lincoln Davis to give the obituary on Dr. Hugh Williams. The secretary was instructed to ask these members to prepare the obituaries.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard B. Cattell*

Richard B. Cattell, M. D.  
Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY on Monday afternoon, November 5th, 1945, at the office of Dr. Howard M. Clute.

There were present: Dr. Howard M. Clute, Dr. George V. S. Smith, Dr. Francis C. Newton, Dr. Otto J. Hermann, and Dr. Richard B. Cattell.

Arrangements for the Annual Meeting were completed.

It was suggested that Dr. Leland S. McKittrick open the formal discussion of Dr. Dixon's paper to be followed by Dr. Francis C. Newton.

The secretary reported that there were seventy-five active members with no vacancies. The active membership was gone over by the Executive Council and it was recommended under Article II, Section 3, that Dr. Louis E. Phaneuf, Dr. Archibald McK. Fraser, Dr. Otto J. Hermann, and Dr. Edward L. Young be asked if they would be willing to be transferred to the senior list. All were personally asked by Dr. Clute and all agreed and were placed on the senior list.

Under Article II, Section, 3, because of becoming inactive in hospital work the Executive Council voted that Dr. Milo C. Green also be transferred to the senior list. This action made five places on the active membership list.

The following candidates were approved by the Executive Council for active membership: Dr. Bentley P. Colcock, Dr. Eugene A. Gaston, Dr. Knowles B. Lawrence, Dr. Somers Sturgis, and Dr. Neil W. Swinton.

The following were approved by the Executive Council for associate membership: Dr. Leighton F. Johnson, Dr. Louis G. Howard, and Dr. Samuel N. Vose.

The Council approved sending announcements of the scientific meetings to representative surgeons throughout New England in addition to the membership list.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard B. Cattell*  
Richard B. Cattell, M. D.  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY was held at the John Ware Hall of the Boston Medical Library on Monday evening, December 3, 1945. This was the annual meeting. Dr. Howard M. Clute, President, presided.

There were present thirty-four active members, five associate members, and nine senior members as well as a number of guests to bring the total to approximately a hundred and seventy-five.

The Executive Session of the Society was held at 8:00 p.m. with members only. The chair appointed a new Auditing Committee-- Dr. George D. Cutler and Dr. Thomas Anglem.

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The report of the Auditing Committee was made.

It was voted that the annual dues for the Society be continued at three dollars.

The ballot was then conducted for candidates for active membership, as follows: Dr. Bentley P. Colcock, Dr. Eugene A. Gaston, Dr. Knowles B. Lawrence, Dr. Somers Sturgis, Dr. Neil W. Swinton.

Dr. Bentley P. Colcock, Dr. Knowles B. Lawrence, Dr. Somers Sturgis, and Dr. Neil W. Swinton were elected active members of the Society.

The ballot was then taken for associate membership as follows: Dr. Louis G. Howard, Dr. Leighton F. Johnson, Dr. Samuel N. Vose. All were elected to associate membership.

Election of officers for 1946 was then carried out with the following results:

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| President            | Dr. Donald Munro       |
| President-elect      | Dr. Joe V. Meigs       |
| Vice-President       | Dr. George D. Cutler   |
| Secretary-Treasurer  | Dr. Richard B. Cattell |
| Executive Councillor |                        |
| (five-year term)     | Dr. Richard I. Smith   |

These officers were elected by unanimous consent. The secretary cast one ballot for their election.

Memorials on the following deceased members were then presented: Dr. Hugh Cabot by Dr. Edward L. Young; Dr. Richard O'Neil by Dr. George G. Smith; Dr. Hugh Williams by Dr. Lincoln Davis.



It was voted to spread these memorials on the minutes of the Society and have the secretary send a copy of them to the respective families.

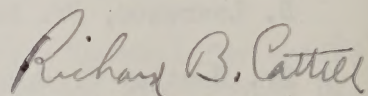
Dr. Clute then turned the meeting over to the new president, Dr. Donald Munro, who was conducted to the chair by Dr. Edward L. Young and Dr. Louis Phaneuf.

With Dr. Donald Munro presiding the Scientific Session of the meeting was begun with members and their invited guests. The paper of the evening, "Sigmoidal Carcinoma: Anterior Resection with Anastomosis", was presented by invitation by Dr. Claude F. Dixon of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. The subject was illustrated both by lantern slides and motion picture demonstration.

The discussion was opened by Dr. Francis C. Newton and continued by Dr. Horace Sowles, Dr. Lincoln Davis, Dr. Parker Hayden, Dr. Thomas Anglem, Dr. Richard B. Cattell, and Dr. Claude F. Dixon.

The meeting was then adjourned for refreshments in the Supper Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard B. Cattell, M. D.  
Secretary

Hugh Cabot died a few days after his seventy-third birthday from a coronary attack which was immediately fatal.

He was born in Beverly, Massachusetts August 11, 1872 one of seven brothers. He prepared for college at Roxbury Latin School, graduated from Harvard in 1894. Four years later he graduated from Harvard Medical School cum laude and second in his class. After completing his surgical Internship at the Massachusetts General Hospital he began the private practice of Surgery in Boston, at first as assistant to his uncle, Dr. Arthur Tracy Cabot.

For the first few years his progress up the professional ladder at the Massachusetts General Hospital and at the Harvard Medical School was what would be expected. At the one as Instructor, Assistant Professor and Professor and at the other, Out-Patient Surgeon, Assistant Surgeon and Surgeon. His interest in Urological Surgery was stimulated by the interest which his uncle had always taken in that branch and because of this stimulus he organized the Department of Genito-Urinary Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1910 with full control of the Out-Patient Department and ten beds in the house.

In 1916 he went to France as head of the Harvard Unit and served through the last of the War as Lt. Col. in the B. E. F. in charge of base Hospital #22.







He married Mary Anderson Boit in September 1902. She died at Rochester, Minnesota in October 1936. They had four children, three sons and a daughter. In October 1938 he married Elizabeth Cole Amory at Hingham. She and the three sons survive him.

Very early he became interested in the out-of-doors. When only thirteen he went with a guide into the Adirondacks. Three years later he was in the Maine woods, then to New Brunswick, Quebec, Labrador, British Columbia and Alaska. For many years the vacation he loved best was to pick out some unmapped spot in the North Country with Tommy his Indian guide and spend several weeks exploring. During these extensive trips, with their whole equipment on their backs, he learned to live off the country. Because he had to meet all conditions of weather and travel without any of the artificial aids of civilization, he learned early that to live in any kind of comfort, in fact even to live at all, it was essential to know and follow the laws of Nature. This was still further emphasized in his sailing days, for he was an ardent yachtsman. He not only cruised the New England coast himself but sailed in a Gloucester fisherman to the Grand Banks with Tommy Bohlin, in the days when all dependence was on sail and the first boat into the market with fish got the money. It is perhaps from these out-door contacts that he gained his uncanny ability to fortell weather and some of his often colorful and picturesque language. It certainly added to a physical ability far above that which generally accompanies one of his rather small stature.



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After his return from Service with base Hospital #22 he went to Ann Arbor first as Professor of Surgery and two years later as Dean of the Medical School. Here with the help of other medical men whom he gathered around him he built up what is today one of the great Medical Schools in the Country. He left this appointment in 1930 and became a part of the Mayo Clinic. Here as Professor of Surgery he continued his teaching, this time entirely to graduate students. Always an inspiring teacher he developed the seminar method to a high level. These seminars became famous through the Country and the exchange of ideas between students and faculty were valuable to both. No one who attended one of these sessions will forget the way in which with the fullest discussion he nevertheless directed and coordinated it toward a definite end.

He had long been interested in the social and economic aspects of medicine and during this period he began the writing and speaking on this subject which was to last the rest of his life. His first book on the subject, "The Doctor's Bill" came out in 1936 and "The Patient's Dilemma" in 1940. His knowledge



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on this subject was extensive and when he came to the belief that the evils of the present method of practice were harmful to both physician and patient and at the same time could be corrected to the advantage of both, he became a Crusader for what he believed was the truth.

During the last few years physical limitations could not prevent an active interest in current events in medicine and World affairs. He continued to lecture and to write and his correspondence in this Country and England was extensive. His clear thinking and vigorously expressed opinions were unabated. His scorn of selfishness, of smallness, of low behavior in high places was not one whit diminished. His devotion to Truth as he saw the truth was as strong as ever. His belief in a God of law was with him always.

A great host of those who owe much to his stimulating teaching will mourn a great leader. Many of his contemporaries will miss a loyal friend.



RICHARD FROTHINGHAM O'NEIL

Richard Frothingham O'Neil died suddenly of coronary thrombosis on November 30, 1944, leaving his wife, who was Adela Pegram Myers, of Richmond, Virginia, and one son. Dr. O'Neil was born in Montevideo, Uruguay, on January 2, 1874. His father was Rear Admiral Charles O'Neil, his mother, Mary Frothingham O'Neil, of Charlestown, Massachusetts. Their son received his education in various schools in the United States, depending upon where his father was stationed, and in 1892 he entered the Harvard Medical School. During his third year in the medical school, he accepted an appointment as surgical interne at the Massachusetts General Hospital, thereby delaying his graduation until 1897.

Dr. O'Neil's entrance into private practice preceded by a few months the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. Being already a member of the Massachusetts Naval Brigade, he was commissioned Lieutenant (j.g.) in the United States Navy Medical Corps and served throughout the war on the "U.S.S. Catskill."

At the end of the war he returned to private practice and soon became especially interested in genito-urinary surgery through his association with the late Dr. Arthur L. Chute. He then confined his work to urology.

In 1911 he was appointed Genito-Urinary Surgeon to Out-Patients at the M.G.H., and from 1915-17 served as acting Visiting Surgeon and Chief of Service. At the outbreak of World War I he







ed Base Hospital 6 A.E.F. with the rank of Captain, and he served as assistant to the Chief of the Department of Urology of the hospital in France and Consulting Urologist to Base Section 2. He was advanced to the rank of Major in 1918 and was honorably discharged with the Unit in 1919. He once more returned to private practice and to his work at the hospital, and in 1925 was appointed Associate Urologist, which position he held until 1934, when he reached the retirement age and became a member of the Board of Consultation.

Dr. O'Neil had been practically retired for a number of years when the recent war broke out. He promptly offered his services to the hospital and until a short time before his death served in the Urological Out-Patient Department. He also became associated in private practice with Dr. George Gilbert Smith. The hospital was a major interest in his life; in the last few years before he died he seldom missed the daily ward rounds and the weekly conferences by the members of the Urological Department.

His affiliations with medical societies were numerous. In addition to membership in the local groups, he was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was a member of the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons and the American Urological Association, in both of which he served as secretary and president. He also held membership in the New England Urological Society and the Societe Internationale d'Urologie. He was an honorary member of the Aesculapian Society of the Harvard Medical School, a member







of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish War, the Military Order of the World War, and one of the founders of the M.G.H. House Pupils Alumni Association.

Dr. O'Neil belonged to the relatively small group of men under whose influence urology was developed into a specialty. His dignity and charm, his high standards and his sense of the fitness of things helped to no mean degree in <sup>the</sup> elevation of urology from a somewhat unsavory position to a place in the brotherhood of scientific endeavor. He contributed to this by his services as secretary and later as president of each of the two major urological societies. He wrote the section on the history of urology in Boston in the History of Urology. His articles were always stamped with good common sense and were admirably written.

Dr. O'Neil was a person of unusual charm and graciousness whose quick and true witticisms enlivened many a gathering. He was a faithful friend and he went out of his way to be agreeable to new members of the medical societies to which he belonged. His return to the practice of urology after a number of years of retirement, which necessitated the assimilation of the many advances and new concepts which had developed since he had ceased practice, was an example of gallantry which those of us who knew and loved him can never forget.

George Gilbert Smith











## HUGH WILLIAMS, M.D.

Hugh Williams died on February 22, 1945, at his home on Beacon Street, Boston, in his 73rd year, after a long illness. He was born in Brookline on June 29th, 1872, the son of Moses and Martha Williams. He prepared for college at the Nichols School in Boston, entering <sup>ed</sup> Harvard in 1890 and graduating <sup>ed</sup> with the Class of 1894. In college he was an indifferent student, but was socially very popular and made many friends. From college he went to the Harvard Medical School where he at once took a deep interest in his medical studies, worked hard, and graduated cum laude in 1898.

After taking his medical degree he was appointed Surgical House Officer on the West Service at the Massachusetts General Hospital. It was at the hospital that he came into his own, he loved the clinical work and excelled in it. He was devoted to his patients and they to him. He early acquired unusual technical skill which came to him easily and naturally.

After graduation from the hospital he was appointed Assistant in Anatomy at the Harvard Medical School, in which position he remained several years acquiring a sound knowledge of anatomical structures, which stood him in good stead throughout his surgical career.

In 1903 he was appointed Out-Patient Surgeon at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and passed successively through the grades of Assistant Visiting, and Associate Visiting to Visiting Surgeon in 1919. In 1929 he retired to the Consulting Staff on account of ill health.

He was also for many years on the staffs of hospitals in



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ck, Gardner and Peabody, Mass., and Brattleboro, Vt.

Shortly after his internship he was selected by Dr. Maurice Richardson as an assistant in his private practice. This apprenticeship had a tremendously important influence on the young assistant. He was an apt pupil who soon learned the master's technique so well that an observer watching only the operator's hands could scarcely tell whether they were those of the master or the pupil.

After five years of this apprenticeship he embarked into private practice on his own account, and soon acquired a large and distinguished clientele which constantly grew until he was forced into retirement because of incapacitating ill health in 1929.

Dr. Williams was an original member of this society, and also a fellow of the American Surgical Society, the American College of Surgeons, New England Surgical Society, and Massachusetts Medical Society. He rarely attended medical meetings, however, and wrote but few papers. His ambition was solely clinical, he concentrated on operating and attending to his patients, and in this he was eminently successful. Throughout his career he showed intense personal devotion to each and every one under his care, rich and poor alike.

His operating technique was unexcelled in his day. His skill and speed were astonishing, and his dexterity unerring. There were no lost motions and he never seemed to hurry. His surgical judgment was sound, he also had to a high degree surgical intuition and diagnostic acumen. His greatest achievements were perhaps in the field of biliary surgery to which he made important and original contributions, notably in the reconstruction of the common bile



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by making use of a biliary fistulous tract.

He was greatly loved by his patients, and by assistants, nurses, orderlies, and attendants, in fact by all who came into close contact with his personal charm.

He never did any formal teaching but many an assistant and interne learned from him practical points which they never forgot.

Like many doctors he was very fond of the out-of-doors. He was a lover of nature and a sportsman in the best sense of the word. He was an expert gunner in the field and the blind, as well as at the trap. He could shoot snipe with deadly accuracy from either shoulder. In skeet shooting he was a champion, and even at three score years and ten in spite of crippling arthritis could hold his own with the younger experts.

For over ten years Dr. Williams was totally incapacitated by serious illness, arthritis and duodenal ulcers for <sup>the latter</sup> ~~which~~ he was operated on twice, and lived in complete retirement. During the last three years of his life he recovered sufficiently to resume occasional trap shooting, and tend his garden at the Cape. For a short period during the last war he patriotically volunteered for service in the Out-Patient Department of the Massachusetts General Hospital but he found as did others of his contemporaries that adaptation to new strange ways was perplexing and difficult.

Dr. Williams was interested in art, and had a notable collection of paintings and etchings. He bred canaries and grew flowers. He never married. He had close friends whom he attracted without effort. These friends rejoice that during his last illness he attained a philosophical serenity which enabled him to endure with fortitude and cheerfulness many painful weeks and months. The end



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mercifully rapid and peaceful.

The life of Hugh Williams has left a lasting imprint on many persons in this community who remember him happily for his professional skill and personal charm.





REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY on Tuesday evening, January 15, 1946, at the Harvard Club, Dr. Donald Munro presiding.

There were present Dr. Munro, Dr. Clute, Dr. Meigs, Dr. Cutler, Dr. McKittrick, Dr. George Smith, Dr. Jacob Fine, Dr. Francis Newton, Dr. Richard Smith and Dr. Cattell. Absent because of illness was Dr. Arthur W. Allen.

Earlier plans for holding a regular evening meeting of the Boston Surgical Society for February and April were approved.

The program for the February meeting was discussed and it was agreed that Dr. Leland S. McKittrick would present the paper of the evening on the "Surgical Treatment of Peptic Ulcer". The time of the meeting was to be decided upon late in February.

Subject for the April meeting was tentatively agreed upon as "Fluid Replacement in Surgical Patients" by Dr. James L. Gamble by invitation. This was to be discussed with Dr. Gamble by Dr. Munro and Dr. Newton and the secretary. The April meeting was to be held after April 15th at an agreeable date.

It was voted to hold no clinical meetings in the current year before the next annual meeting.

The question of increasing the membership of the Society was then discussed and it was voted to recommend to the Society that Article II, Section I, shall read: "There shall be four classes of members: active, inactive or senior, associate, and honorary." The second sentence of Section I was to be omitted.

Article II, Section II, will read: "Surgeons who have had five years service on the staff of an accredited hospital of Boston or elsewhere and who are now on the active staff of a Greater Boston hospital shall be eligible to election as active members".

Article IV, Section I, shall read "The stated meeting in December shall be the annual meeting". This will omit the remainder of the sentence.

It was voted that beginning with the Spring, or April meeting, that a dinner be arranged before the regular evening meeting of the Society and that an entertainment committee be appointed by the president to look after the arrangements for the dinner, meeting, hall, and the financial details related thereto.



Dr. Munro appointed Dr. George Smith as chairman of this committee.

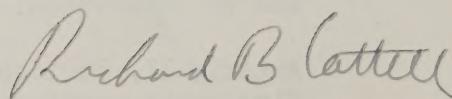
The president then presented the question of awarding the Bigelow Medal for general discussion. He announced the receipt of a letter from Dr. David Cheever proposing Dr. Elliott Cutler for consideration. The secretary reviewed information relative to the establishment of the trust fund for awarding the Bigelow Medal stating that it has been awarded nine times, the last time in 1941, and that there were sufficient funds in the form of income from the trust to justify awarding the medal this year. Each member of the Council participated in this discussion and the following names were considered:

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Dr. Elliott Cutler | Dr. Evarts Graham    |
| Dr. Frank H. Lahey | Dr. Dallas Phemister |
| Dr. Fred Coller    | Dr. Vernon David     |
| Dr. Roscoe Graham  | Dr. Fred Rankin      |

After extensive deliberation it was voted unanimously to award the Bigelow Medal to Dr. Frank H. Lahey.

The time for awarding the Bigelow Medal was not settled but it was suggested that it be held late in May. It was further suggested by the president that a committee of arrangements for this meeting would be appointed, probably consisting of former secretaries Dr. Thomas H. Lanman, Dr. Grantley W. Taylor, and others who are familiar with awarding the Bigelow Medal.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard B. Cattell, M. D.  
Secretary

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
on Monday evening, February 11th, 1946, at the  
Harvard Club, Dr. Donald Munro presiding.

There were present Dr. Munro, Dr. Cutler, Dr.  
George Smith, Dr. Francis Newton, Dr. Richard Smith,  
and Dr. Cattell. Absent were Dr. Clute, Dr. Meigs, Dr.  
McKittrick, and Dr. Arthur Allen.

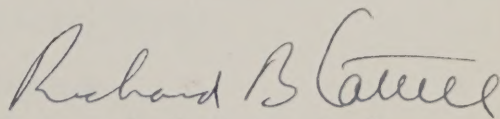
The program for the February 25th meeting was  
discussed and final arrangements approved.

Arrangements for the April meeting were discussed.  
It was agreed that the meeting should be held on  
Monday, April 22nd, unless conflict was found. The  
subject of the meeting selected in a general way  
would be on Body Fluid Requirements in Surgical Patients.  
It is to be presented by Dr. Gamble, Dr. Landis, and  
Dr. Fine, if arrangements can be made.

The April meeting is to be held at the Harvard Club  
with a dinner for members following which, if possible,  
the scientific meeting will be held in Harvard Hall.  
The committee on dinner arrangements, Dr. George V.  
Smith and Dr. Marshall Bartlett, was appointed. It  
was suggested that a postcard be made up by Dr. George  
Smith and the regular secretary would have it printed and  
sent out with the announcements of the meeting so that  
we would know how many would attend the dinner.

Further arrangements for awarding the Bigelow Medal  
were discussed. The president appointed a committee  
consisting of Dr. Thomas Lanman, Chairman, Dr. Grantley  
Taylor, and Dr. Richard B. Cattell with the president  
acting ex officio. The date for this was tentatively  
settled for May.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard B. Cattell, M. D.  
Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY was held at the John Ware Hall of the Boston Medical Library on Monday evening, February 5, 1946, with Dr. Donald Munro, President, presiding. There were present forty-three active members, four associate members, and four senior members, with one hundred and one guests, making a total of one hundred and fifty-two. The Executive Session of the Society was held at 8:00 p.m.

It was voted to omit reading the minutes of the last meeting.

Announcement was made of the April meeting which would be a dinner meeting on April 22nd at the Harvard Club.

Proposed amendments to the by-laws recommended by the Executive Council were then read by the secretary.

An announcement of the Bigelow Medal award was made by Dr. Munro. The tenth Bigelow Medal is to be awarded to Dr. Frank H. Lahey early in May.

The Scientific Session was then presented as follows:

SYMPOSIUM: "Problems in the Surgical Management  
of Peptic Ulcer"  
(presented from the Massachusetts General Hospital)

1. Review of Subtotal Resections  
Dr. Leland S. McKittrick
2. The Results of Excision of Antral Mucosa  
Dr. Claude E. Welch
3. Experiences with Vagotomy  
Dr. Francis D. Moore (by invitation)
4. Nutritional Problems following Subtotal Resection  
Dr. Chester M. Jones (by invitation)
5. Open Discussion

The discussion was opened by Dr. Samuel F. Marshall and continued by Dr. William Morrison, Dr. Edward Benedict, Dr. Francis D. Moore, and Dr. Chester M. Jones.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard B. Cattell (ms)*

Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY was held at the Harvard Club on Monday evening, April 22, 1946, with Dr. Donald Munro, President, presiding. A dinner meeting preceded the Scientific Session and was attended by sixty-four members and two guests. At the Scientific Session there were present fifty-four active members, fourteen associate members, three senior members, and a number of guests.

#### Executive Session

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The Secretary read the changes in the by-laws recommended by the Executive Council, which are recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council on January 15, 1946, page 147. After a brief discussion these changes in the by-laws were accepted by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Munro announced the Henry Jacob Bigelow Medal award for May 10th at the New England Mutual Hall.

The Annual Meeting to be held in December was announced.

The Scientific Session was then presented in the Harvard Library, as follows:

1. Basal Requirement in Parenteral Replacement  
Therapy  
by Dr. James L. Gamble (by invitation)
2. Factors Determining the Distribution of  
Extravascular Fluid in the Body  
by Dr. Eugene M. Landis (by invitation)
3. Treatment of Acute Renal Failure by Peritoneal  
Irrigation  
by Dr. Jacob Fine
4. General Discussion

The discussion was opened by Dr. Charles C. Lund and continued by Dr. McKittrick, Dr. Gamble, and Dr. Landis.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTIETH MEETING OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY was held at the New England Mutual Hall on Friday evening, May 10th, at 8:30 p.m. This was a special meeting for the purpose of awarding the Henry Jacob Bigelow Medal to Dr. Frank H. Lahey.

Preceding the meeting the Boston Surgical Society gave a dinner honoring Dr. Lahey at the Copley Plaza Hotel. The guests included the presidents of the American Surgical Association and the New England Surgical Society, officers of the Boston Surgical Society and their wives.

The meeting held at the New England Mutual Hall was attended by approximately seven hundred members and guests, and their wives. In the audience were many distinguished lay and medical guests including representatives from the Boston hospitals. Dr. Donald Munro, President, presided.

Dr. Munro outlined the history of the Henry Jacob Bigelow Award and gave the names of the nine distinguished surgeons who had previously been honored with this award. He then introduced Dr. Lahey as the tenth recipient.

Dr. Lahey then presented his address on "Surgery of the Thyroid Gland" which was illustrated with lantern slides.

Dr. Munro, in a very gracious speech, described Dr. Lahey's contributions to surgery in teaching, clinical research, scientific publications, organizational work in medical societies, as well as his participation in World War I and World War II. He then presented the Henry Jacob Bigelow Medal to Dr. Lahey who accepted it with very appropriate remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard B. Cattell*

Secretary



# OPERATIVE CLINICS

## Massachusetts General Hospital

Fruit Street, Boston

| TIME  | SURGEON                | OPERATION                                                              |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30  | Dr. M.N.Smith-Petersen | Arthrodesis of sacroiliac joint for tuberculosis.                      |
| 8:30  | Dr. R.R.Linton         | Ligation of communicating veins for varicose ulcer.                    |
| 8:30  | Dr. J.V.Meigs          | Vaginal hysterectomy for procidentia.                                  |
| 8:45  | Dr. C.L.Parsons        | Total hysterectomy for carcinoma of uterus.                            |
| 8:45  | Dr. R.H.Miller         | Thyroidectomy for exophthalmic goiter.                                 |
| 9:00  | Dr. R.H.Smithwick      | Lumbar ganglionectomy for thromboangiitis obliterans.                  |
| 9:00  | Dr. W.J.Mixter         | Laminectomy for ruptured intervertebral disc.                          |
| 10:00 | Dr. E.D.Churchill      | Thyroidectomy for nodular goiter.                                      |
| 10:15 | Dr. G.W.Taylor         | Radical mastectomy for carcinoma of breast.                            |
| 10:30 | Dr. A.W.Allen          | Gastric resection or Finsterer exclusion operation for duodenal ulcer. |
| 10:30 | Dr. L.S.McKittrick     | Cholecystectomy ? exploration of common duct for cholelithiasis.       |
| 10:30 | Dr. E.L.Young          | Ileosigmoidostomy for Hirschsprung's disease.                          |
| 10:30 | Dr. G.G.Smith          | Perineal prostatectomy for hypertrophy of prostate.                    |

## Peter Bent Brigham Hospital

721 Huntington Avenue, Boston

|       |                   |                                   |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9:15  | Dr. E.C.Cutler    | Subtotal thyroidectomy.           |
| 9:15  | Dr. D.Cheever     | Subtotal thyroidectomy.           |
| 9:15  | Dr. J.Homans      | Resection of sigmoid.             |
| 9:15  | Dr. W.C.Quinby    | Exploration of left kidney.       |
| 11:30 | Dr. R.M.Zollinger | D.&C. hysterectomy.               |
| 11:30 | Dr. J.E.Dunphy    | Subtotal thyroidectomy.           |
| 11:45 | Dr. J.Homans      | Excision fistula in ano.          |
| 12:15 |                   | Clinical Pathological Conference. |

## Beth Israel Hospital

330 Brookline Avenue, Boston

|      |                |                                                 |
|------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 | Dr. C.G.Mixter | Cholecystectomy with immediate cholangiography. |
| 9:30 | Dr. J.Fine     | Resection for carcinoma of sigmoid.             |

## Children's Hospital

300 Longwood Avenue, Boston

|       |                  |                                                   |
|-------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00  | Dr. F.D.Ingraham | Laminectomy for cord tumor.                       |
| 10:00 | Dr. G.D.Cutler   | Repair of inguinal hernia.                        |
| 10:00 | Dr. W.E.Ladd     | Second stage Abbe operation for double hair-lip.  |
| 10:00 | Dr. T.H.Lanman   | Ureteral transplantation for extrophy of bladder. |
| 11:30 | Dr. W.E.Ladd     | Pyloromyotomy for pyloric stenosis.               |







# OPERATIVE CLINICS (cont.)

## Hospital for Women

80 Glen Road, Brookline

|       |                    |                                       |
|-------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9:00  | Dr. J. Rock        | Laparotomy for sterility.             |
| 10:00 | Dr. J. Rock        | Hysterectomy for pelvic inflammation. |
| 11:00 | Dr. F.A. Pemberton | Plastic for incontinence of urine.    |

## New England Deaconess Hospital

16 Deaconess Road, Boston

|       |                   |                                                                |
|-------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00  | Dr. F.H. Lahey    | Carcinoma of uterus; D.&C., frozen section; ?<br>hysterectomy. |
| 8:00  | Dr. N.W. Swinton  | Hemorrhoidectomy.                                              |
| 8:00  | Dr. J.L. Poppen   | Scalp wound; revision of wound.                                |
| 9:00  | Dr. F.H. Lahey    | Subtotal thyroidectomy for primary hyperthyroidism.            |
| 9:00  | Dr. Richter       | Deviation of nasal septum; submucous resection.                |
| 9:00  | Dr. R.B. Cattell  | Subtotal thyroidectomy for primary hyperthyroidism.            |
| 9:00  | Dr. R.H. Overholt | Pulmonary tuberculosis; thoracoplasty.                         |
| 10:00 | Dr. R.B. Cattell  | Ulcerative colitis; a-p resection; third stage.                |
| 10:00 | Dr. H.D. Adams    | Hodgkin's disease; excision cervical glands.                   |
| 10:30 | Dr. R.H. Overholt | Pulmonary tuberculosis; thoracoplasty.                         |
| 12:00 | Dr. J.L. Poppen   | Brain tumor; ventriculogram and craniotomy.                    |

## Palmer Memorial Hospital

85 Pilgrim Road, Boston

|                 |                           |                               |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8:00            | Dr. G.A. Leland, Jr.      | Cholecystectomy.              |
| <del>8:00</del> | <del>Dr. H.M. Crane</del> | <del>Excision of tongue</del> |

## New England Baptist Hospital

85 Parker Hill Avenue, Roxbury

|       |                  |                                                    |
|-------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 11:00 | Dr. F.H. Lahey   | Adenomatous goiter; subtotal thyroidectomy.        |
| 11:30 | Dr. R.B. Cattell | Fibroid uterus; repair of incisional hernia.       |
| 12:00 | Dr. H.D. Adams   | Prolapse of uterus; interposition; perineorrhaphy. |



Operative Clinic (Small) - Lecture and at night

Dr. J. B. ...  
Dr. F. M. ...  
Dr. ...  
Dr. ...  
Dr. ...

Small Lecture

Small Lecture

Laboratory for sterility.  
Lecture for private information.  
Lecture for information of public.

Dr. J. B. ...  
Dr. F. M. ...  
Dr. F. A. ...

Small Lecture

Small Lecture

Operation of uterus; D.C. frozen section?  
Hysterectomy.  
Hemorrhoidectomy.  
Scalp wound; revision of wound.  
Subtotal thyroidectomy for primary hyperthyroidism.  
Deviation of nasal septum; submucous resection.  
Subtotal thyroidectomy for primary hyperthyroidism.  
Pulmonary tuberculosis; thoracoplasty.  
Vaginal colitis; a-p resection; total vaginectomy.  
Hodgkin's disease; excision cervical glands.  
Pulmonary tuberculosis; thoracoplasty.  
Brain tumor; ventriculogram and craniotomy.

Dr. F. M. ...  
Dr. M. W. ...  
Dr. J. L. ...  
Dr. F. H. ...  
Dr. ...  
Dr. ...  
Dr. R. H. ...  
Dr. R. B. ...  
Dr. R. H. ...  
Dr. J. L. ...

Small Lecture

Small Lecture

Cholecystectomy.  
Laparotomy.

Dr. G. A. ...  
Dr. ...

Small Lecture

Small Lecture

Abdominal cavity; subtotal hysterectomy.  
Fibroid uterus; repair of lacerated perineum.  
Rupture of uterus; hysterectomy; perineoplasty.

Dr. F. H. ...  
Dr. R. B. ...  
Dr. H. D. ...

THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY  
requests the honour of your presence at  
New England Mutual Hall, 225 Clarendon Street  
on Friday, May 10, at 8.30 p.m.  
on the occasion of the presentation of  
the  
*Henry Jacob Bigelow Medal*  
to  
FRANK HOWARD LAHEY







REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY on Friday afternoon, October 25, 1946, at the Harvard Club. There were present Dr. Donald Munro, Dr. Joe V. Meigs, Dr. Arthur W. Allen, Dr. Francis Newton, Dr. George Cutler, Dr. Richard Smith, and Dr. Richard B. Cattell.

Arrangements for the Annual Meeting were discussed. It was agreed to hold the meeting on Monday, December 2nd. Dr. Munro is to procure Dr. Isidor Ravdin of Philadelphia as speaker, if possible, and Dr. Craig of Rochester, Minnesota, was selected as an alternate.

It was voted that the annual dues be continued at three dollars.

It was voted that all associate members be transferred to the active membership list and that this classification be maintained for a special group, particularly those moving away from Boston.

It was voted to pay the extra cost for publishing Dr. Lahey's paper in the New England Journal of Medicine above what was normally paid by the Journal. It was likewise voted to pay the additional cost for the Bigelow medal above the amount originally authorized.

The report of the expenditures relative to the awarding of the Bigelow medal was submitted by the Treasurer as being \$777.01. The amount withdrawn from the Bigelow Fund was \$600.00 leaving a balance to be paid from the general funds of the Society of \$117.01.

It was suggested by Dr. Allen that it might be advantageous to reduce the size of the Bigelow medal or its gold content to decrease the expenses since it represented more than half the cost of putting on the Bigelow medal. It was reported by the Secretary that the Philadelphia Mint stated that the molds for striking the Bigelow medal were worn out and would have to be replaced before more medals could be struck. It was suggested that this might be the time to reduce the size of the medal.

It was agreed to hold a January clinical meeting at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and that there would be a February evening meeting, a March clinical meeting at the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital, and an April evening meeting which would conclude the activities of the spring of 1947.

Dr. Meigs suggested for the February meeting the subject of "Endocrine Phases of Tumors" to be presented by a number of the members of the Boston Surgical Society.



It was voted that a change of by-laws be recommended to the Society so that senior members would have all of the privileges of active members, including eligibility to office, but shall not pay dues.

Ten proposals for membership were then considered briefly but were not voted upon. The Secretary was instructed to send a notice to all members of the Society stating that proposals for membership would be acceptable up until November 15th. It was then agreed to hold another meeting of the Executive Council on Monday afternoon, November 18th, at 4:00 p.m. for consideration of members and also for selection of officers to be presented to the Society for voting at the Annual Meeting.

An Auditing Committee of Dr. George Cutler and Dr. Richard I. Smith was appointed by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard B. Cattell*

Secretary

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY on Monday afternoon, November 18, 1946, at the Harvard Club. There were present Dr. Donald Munro, Dr. Joe V. Meigs, Dr. Arthur W. Allen, Dr. Richard I. Smith, Dr. Jacob Fine, Dr. Leland McKittrick, Dr. Francis Newton, Dr. George D. Cutler, Dr. G. V. S. Smith, and Dr. Richard B. Cattell.

It was announced by Dr. Munro that Dr. Ravdin was unable to accept the invitation and that Dr. Craig, the alternate, was likewise unable to accept. Dr. George Smith was instructed to contact Dr. Rhoads, director of the Memorial Hospital in New York, and if he was not available to invite Dr. Dragstedt of Chicago.

The vote of the Council on October 25, 1946, relative to a change in the by-laws was rescinded following which it was voted that the change in the by-laws to recommended to the Society read as follows, changing Article 2, Section 2: "Senior or inactive members shall not pay dues and shall not be eligible for office but may vote and take part in the scientific work of the Society".

The President instructed the Secretary to request Dr. Thomas J. Anglem to prepare a memorial to Dr. Howard M. Clute.

It was voted to nominate the following for officers of the Society for 1947, to be presented to the Society at the annual meeting:

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| President            | Dr. Joe V. Meigs         |
| President-elect      | Dr. Thomas H. Lanman     |
| Vice-president       | Dr. Gilbert Horrax       |
| Secretary-treasurer  | Dr. Marshall K. Bartlett |
| Executive councillor | Dr. Samuel N. Vose       |

Attention was called to the fact that Dr. Robert M. Zollinger had moved to Columbus, Ohio, and is automatically transferred to the inactive or senior list.

The meetings to be held in January, February, March, and April were discussed. It was suggested that the Massachusetts General Hospital group would arrange for the date of the clinical meeting in January, and it would probably be the second Monday. Dr. Meigs suggested the subject of "Smears in the Diagnosis of Malignancy" and would try to obtain a speaker for the February evening meeting for either the first or second Monday in February.

It was voted that the following candidates be approved by the Executive Council for active membership to be presented for balloting by the Society at the annual meeting:

|                          |                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Dr. Reeve H. Betts       | Dr. Carroll Miller                 |
| Dr. Richard Chute        | Dr. Francis Moore                  |
| Dr. Vernon S. Pick       | Dr. Thomas B. Quigley              |
| Dr. Gordon Donaldson     | Dr. Fiorinzo Simeone               |
| Dr. Herbert Dunphy       | Dr. Lamar Soutter                  |
| Dr. Clifford Franseen    | Dr. James W. Toumey                |
| Dr. Howard Frank         | Dr. Howard Ulfelder                |
| Dr. Edward Hamlin        | Dr. Carl W. Walter (not certified) |
| Dr. J. Hartwell Harrison | Dr. Kenneth W. Warren              |
| Dr. Louis Hermanson      | Dr. Richard Warren                 |
| Dr. Sylvester Kelley     | Dr. Walter Wegner                  |
| Dr. Frank D. Lathrop     | Dr. C. Stuart Welch                |



It was voted that the following candidates be approved only if they were certified by their respective boards:

|                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dr. James B. Blodgett | (certified)                 |
| Dr. John E. Dunphy    | (certified)                 |
| Dr. Walter E. Garrey  | (certified)                 |
| Dr. Stanley O. Hoerr  | (certified)                 |
| Dr. Robert S. Myers   | (not certified) (Hold 1947) |
| Dr. Charles Shedd     | (not certified) (Hold 1947) |
| Dr. Orvar Swenson     | (certified)                 |

It was voted to hold the applications of Dr. A. Price Heusner, Dr. Walter Levenson, Dr. Francis Ingersoll, and Dr. Roy E. Mabrey until 1947.

It was voted to reject the applications of Dr. Stephen Jones and Dr. Thomas W. Wickham.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard B. Cattell*

Secretary

REPORT OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY was held at the Harvard Club on Monday evening, December 2, 1946, at 6:30 p.m. This was a dinner meeting. Dr. Donald Munro, President, presided. The dinner was attended by sixty-eight active and senior members.

Executive Session: An announcement was made by Dr. Munro stating that all associate members had now been transferred to the active membership list and might vote as active members.

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted and the Auditing Committee reported that the books were properly balanced.

It was voted that the annual dues for the coming year would be three dollars.

The secretary gave the first reading of an amendment proposed by the Executive Council of Article 2, Section 2, to read: "Senior or inactive members shall not pay dues and shall not be eligible for office but may vote and take part in the scientific work of the Society".

A memorial to Dr. Howard M. Clute was read by Dr. Thomas J. Anglem and it was voted to spread this memorial on the minutes of the Society. A copy of this had previously been sent to Mrs. Clute by the New England Surgical Society and a second copy was not sent to her.

Balloting on candidates for membership was then carried out and after each one had been individually discussed the entire list of candidates listed below were elected to membership:

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Reeve H. Betts       | Sylvester Kelley  |
| James D. Blodgett    | Frank D. Lathrop  |
| Richard Chute        | Carroll Miller    |
| Vernon S. Dick       | Francis Moore     |
| Gordon Donaldson     | Thomas B. Quigley |
| Herbert Dunphy       | Fiorinzo Simeone  |
| J. E. Dunphy         | Lamar Soutter     |
| Clifford Franseen    | Orvar Swenson     |
| Howard Frank         | James W. Toumey   |
| Walter E. Garrey     | Howard Ulfelder   |
| Edward Hamlin        | Carl W. Walter    |
| J. Hartwell Harrison | Kenneth W. Warren |
| Louis Hermanson      | Richard Warren    |
| Stanley O. Hoerr     | Walter Wegner     |
| C. Stuart Welch      |                   |

Nominations by the Executive Council for officers in the Society for the coming year were presented as follows:

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| President            | Dr. Joe V. Meigs         |
| President-elect      | Dr. Thomas H. Lanman     |
| Vice-President       | Dr. Gilbert Horrax       |
| Secretary-treasurer  | Dr. Marshall K. Bartlett |
| Executive councillor | Dr. Samuel N. Vose       |



There were no other nominations from the floor and the secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the entire slate of officers. This ballot was cast by the secretary.

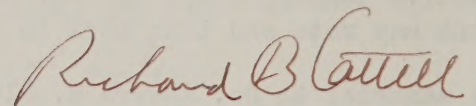
Announcements of the January, February, March, and April meetings were then made and the dinner meeting was adjourned for the Scientific Session

Scientific Session;

1. Carcinoma of the Colon  
Arthur W. Allen, M. D.
2. Carcinoma of the Rectum  
Richard B. Cattell, M. D.
3. Recurrent Carcinoma of the Colon and Rectum  
J. E. Dunphy, M. D. (by invitation)

There was general discussion of these papers from the floor.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary



## HOWARD MERRILL CLUTE

Dr. Howard Merrill Clute died suddenly at his home in Boston on September 19, 1946. He is survived by his widow, Josephine Price Clute, his son Charles and his daughter Alice.

Dr. Clute was born in North Berwick, Maine on January 10, 1890, the son of Charles E. and Fannie Merrill Clute. He was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1911 and from the Dartmouth Medical School in 1914. In 1941 his alma mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. He served in the Medical Corps of the United States Army in the first World War, and was honorably discharged with the rank of major.

Upon entering into practice, he early became associated with Dr. Frank H. Lahey, and this association lasted through the period of growth and development of the Lahey Clinic until 1935, when he entered into private practice. One year later he became Surgeon-in-Chief of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals and Professor of Surgery of the Boston University Medical School, in which capacities he served until June 1945. Upon his retirement as Surgeon-in-Chief of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals, in recognition of his great administrative ability, he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the hospital.

In addition to this society (<sup>Boston</sup> ~~New England~~ Surgical Society), the American Medical Association, the County and State Medical Societies, Dr. Clute held membership in the American Surgical Association, the Southern Surgical Society, <sup>the New England</sup> ~~the Boston~~ Surgical Society, the American Society for the Study of Goitre, The Societe Internationale de Chirurgie, and he was one of the original Founders Group of the American Board of Surgery, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Clute was a surgeon of consummate skill, a master of his art. He was gifted with an analytical sense and a clarity of mind which together with great powers of observation gave him extraordinary diagnostic acumen. These qualities, added to a lucidity of expression and a knack for striking immediately to the heart of a problem made him a superb and inspiring teacher.



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Dr. Clute's personal influence on those who served under him would be hard to measure. He had the kind of deep human sympathy and understanding which led men to turn instinctively to him for advice and encouragement. A host of young men depended on his wisdom and judgment for guidance, and looked to him as their mentor. He made their problems his own, and gave unstintingly of his time and energies to help others. Nothing gave him more pleasure than to observe the progress and advancement in surgery of the young men he had helped to train.

His life was a busy and a fruitful one devoted to the advancement of surgery. He operated on the morning of the day of his death and spent a busy afternoon in his office, and died "in harness" as he would have wished it.

Those of us who have had the privilege of a close association with him are conscious of an irreparable loss, the loss of a kind and generous friend, wise counselor, and staunch advocate. The surgical world has lost one of its brightest ornaments.

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THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SECOND MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held  
at the Massachusetts General Hospital on  
Monday morning, January 6, 1947 at 9:30.

There were present forty-three active and seven senior members.

The following program was presented:

Surgical Relief of Intractable Angina  
Pectoris; Results in 83 Patients  
Treated in the Past 20 years.

Dr. James C. White

Treatment of Thrombophlebitis.

Dr. Arthur W. Allen

Portal Hypertension: Treatment by  
End-to-Side Splenorenal Anastomosis  
with Preservation of the Kidney.

Dr. Robert R. Linton

End Results of Carcinoma of the  
Breast at the Pondville Hospital  
and the Massachusetts General  
Hospital.

Dr. Ernest M. Daland  
Dr. Grantley W. Taylor  
Dr. Richard H. Wallace

Timing of Treatment as a Factor in  
the Control of Surgical Shock.

Dr. Henry K. Beecher

The Hyperfunctioning Single  
Adenoma of the Thyroid.

Dr. Oliver Cope

Changes in Extracellular Space  
in Burned Patients: Their  
Relation to Therapy.

Dr. Francis D. Moore

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bawcutt*

Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING  
 of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
 Harvard Club on Monday evening, February 10, 1947  
 at 6:30 P.M. This was a dinner meeting.  
 Doctor Joe V. Meigs, President, presided. The  
 dinner was attended by sixty-two active and senior  
 members and seven guests of the Society.

Executive Session:

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the  
 last meeting.

It was voted to amend Article 2, Section 3, of the  
 By-Laws to read: "Senior or inactive members shall  
 not pay dues and shall not be eligible for office,  
 but may vote and take part in the scientific work  
 of the Society."

The dinner meeting was then adjourned for the  
 Scientific Session.

Scientific Session:

Cytologic Diagnosis of Cancer in Various Organs  
 of the Body, by Dr. George N. Papanicolaou,  
 Associate Professor of Anatomy, Cornell University  
 Medical College.

The Effect of Radiation on Vaginal Cells in  
 Cervical Carcinoma: The Prognostic Significance,  
 by Ruth M. Graham, Vincent Memorial Laboratory,  
 Massachusetts General Hospital.

These papers were discussed by Dr. Arthur T. Hertig,  
 Dr. Paul Isbell and Dr. Hans Wandall.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha K. Barrett*

Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals on Monday Morning,  
March 10, 1947 at 9:00 A.M. It was attended by  
about one hundred members and guests.

The following program was presented:

The Treatment of Urinary Tract Infections with Streptomycin  
Dr. William L. Hewitt

The Effect of Urethane on the Bacterial Flora of Infected  
Wounds in Man  
Dr. Chester W. Howe

Chronic Osteomyelitis  
Dr. Louis G. Howard

Subdiaphragmatic Abscess  
Dr. Thomas J. Anglem

Post-Prostatectomy Hemoglobinemia  
Dr. Joseph F. Ross

The Effects of Surgical Sympathectomy upon Vasomotor  
Responses in Hypertensive Patients  
Dr. Robert W. Wilkins

Preliminary Report on the Use of Differential Subarachnoid  
Block in the Study of Hypertension  
Dr. Julia Arrowood

Ischemia of Limb - Therapy  
Dr. Hollis L. Albright

Fenestration Operations on the Ear  
Dr. Leighton F. Johnson

Total Cystectomy for Carcinoma of the Bladder  
Dr. Samuel N. Vose

Late Effects of Total Gastrectomy  
Dr. Franz J. Ingelfinger

Surgical Management of Carcinoma of the Lower Third of the  
Esophagus and Cardiac End of the Stomach  
Dr. John W. Strieder.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Barton*

Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY held on March 31, 1947 at Doctor Joe V. Meigs' office. There were present Doctor Joe V. Meigs, Doctor Thomas H. Lanman, Doctor Jacob Fine, Doctor Richard I. Smith, Doctor Samuel N. Vose and Doctor Marshall K. Bartlett.

The matter of the increased cost of publication of Doctor Lahey's address on "Surgery of the Thyroid Gland", given on the occasion of the presentation to him of the Bigelow Medal, was discussed. The Council voted that all expense to the New England Journal of Medicine, above the \$100.00 that the Journal had originally offered to pay, should be paid by the Society. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Doctor Robert N. Nye in regard to the matter.

It was voted that members signifying their intention of attending the dinner meetings of the Society should be charged for the dinner, whether or not they attend, unless notice is given before noon of the day of the meeting.

It was voted that the President and Secretary should have access to the Safety Deposit box maintained by the Society at the First National Bank of Boston.

The Secretary was instructed to request Doctor Robert Osgood to prepare an obituary on Doctor Charles F. Painter, to be read at the next meeting of the Society.

It was voted to prepare and publish a new issue of the booklet of the Society, containing the By-Laws and lists of officers and members.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF  
THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY held on April 11, 1947  
at Doctor Joe V. Meigs' office. There were present  
Doctor Joe V. Meigs, Doctor Thomas H. Lanman,  
Doctor Donald Munro, Dr. Francis C. Newton, Doctor  
Richard I. Smith, Doctor Leland S. McKittrick and  
Doctor Samuel N. Vose.

The question of the award of the Bigelow Medal  
was discussed. It was unanimously voted by the  
Council to award the Bigelow Medal to Doctor  
Elliott C. Cutler. It was the opinion of the  
Council that the award should be made as soon as  
suitable arrangements could be made.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY was held at the Harvard Club on Monday evening, April 14, 1947. This was a dinner meeting. Doctor Joe V. Meigs, President, presided. The meeting was attended by seventy-six active and senior members and five guests of the Society.

Executive Session:

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

There was no business to come before the Society and the dinner meeting was adjourned.

Scientific Session:

Portents for the Future of Cancer, by Doctor Cornelius P. Rhoads, Scientific Director of the Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases, New York City.

Doctor Rhoads' paper was discussed by Doctor Joseph C. Aub and Doctor Ira T. Nathanson.

Respectfully submitted

*Marshall K. Burton*

Secretary







REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 3, 1947 AT THE HARVARD CLUB.

There were present Dr. Joe V. Meigs, Dr. Thomas H. Lanman, Dr. Richard I. Smith, Dr. Samuel N. Vose, Dr. Donald Munro, Dr. Leland S. McKittrick and Dr. Marshall K. Bartlett.

It was decided to request Dr. Frank R. Ober to prepare a memorial to Dr. Charles F. Painter; Dr. Francis C. Newton a memorial to Dr. Elliott C. Cutler and Dr. Arthur W. Allen a memorial to Dr. E. Granville Crabtree.

It was voted to transfer Dr. Herbert H. Howard to the senior list and Dr. Stanley O. Hoerr and Dr. Ralph Adams to the inactive list.

An Auditing Committee, consisting of Dr. Langdon Parsons and Dr. Howard Ulfelder, was appointed by the President to inspect the Treasurer's books and report at the Annual Meeting.

It was voted to nominate the following as officers of the Society for 1948, to be presented to the Society at the Annual Meeting:

|                      |                          |
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| President            | Dr. Thomas H. Lanman     |
| President-elect      | Dr. Francis C. Newton    |
| Vice-President       | Dr. George V. S. Smith   |
| Secretary-Treasurer  | Dr. Marshall K. Bartlett |
| Executive Councillor | Dr. C. Stuart Welch      |

The following candidates were nominated by the Executive Council for membership in the Society:

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| Alexander P. Aitken  | Walter Levenson     |
| Thomas W. Botsford   | Joseph P. Lynch     |
| Edwin F. Cave        | Roy E. Mabrey       |
| John W. Chamberlain  | John B. McKittrick  |
| Philip S. Foisie     | Ira T. Nathanson    |
| Eugene A. Gaston     | Lewis S. Pilcher    |
| Ward I. Gregg        | George C. Prather   |
| Dwight E. Harken     | Russell F. Sullivan |
| William H. Holtham   | Richey L. Waugh     |
| Charles J. E. Kickam | George P. Whitelaw  |
| Francis M. Woods     |                     |

It was voted to hold the applications of the following candidates until 1948:

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| George Austen, Jr. | A. Price Heusner  |
| Charles B. Burbank | Joseph A. Holmes  |
| William F. Flynn   | Francis Ingersoll |
| Gerald G. Garcelon | Charles B. Shedd  |



It was voted to reject the applications of Dr. Marion L. Connerley and Dr. Edward T. Whitney.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Marshall K. Bartlett, M.D.  
Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the  
Children's Hospital on Monday morning, November 17, 1947,  
at 10:00. It was attended by about eighty members and  
guests.

The following program was presented:

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| Dr. Orvar Swenson       | End-to-end Anastomosis for<br>Esophageal Atresia.                                                |
| Dr. Thomas H. Lanman    | Long-term Follow-up Observations<br>following Transplantation of<br>Ureters into the Sigmoid.    |
| Dr. Robert E. Gross     | A Method of Treatment for Large<br>Omphaloceles.                                                 |
| Dr. Donald W. MacCollum | The Management of Hare-Lip and<br>Cleft Palate.                                                  |
| Dr. Louis K. Diamond    | The Use of Processed Blood for<br>Emergency Transfusions.                                        |
| Dr. Franc D. Ingraham   | Inhibition of Cutaneous Responses<br>by Local Application of Cold.                               |
| Dr. Eben Alexander, Jr. | A More Dependable Method for<br>Continuous Intravenous Infusions.                                |
| Dr. Franc D. Ingraham   | Craniosynostosis and its Treatment.                                                              |
| Dr. Carlyle G. Flake    | The Use of Acrylic Core Molds in<br>the Treatment of Chronic Laryngeal<br>Stenosis in Childhood. |
| Dr. Robert E. Gross     | Results of Surgical Therapy for<br>Coarctation of the Aorta.                                     |

Respectfully submitted

*Marshall K. Bawcutt*

Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHTH MEETING of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Harvard Club on Monday evening, December 1, 1947, at 6:00 P.M. This was a dinner meeting. Dr. Joe V. Meigs, President, presided. The dinner was attended by eighty-seven active and senior members and two guests.

Executive Session:

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted as approved by the Auditing Committee.

It was voted that the annual dues for the coming year would be three dollars.

A Memorial to Dr. E. Granville Crabtree was read by Dr. Arthur W. Allen and a Memorial to Dr. Elliott C. Cutler was read by Dr. Francis C. Newton. It was voted to spread these Memorials on the minutes of the Society and to send copies to Mrs. Crabtree and Mrs. Cutler.

The following nominations for Officers of the Society were presented by the Executive Council:

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| President           | Dr. Thomas H. Lanman     |
| President-Elect     | Dr. Francis C. Newton    |
| Vice-President      | Dr. George Van S. Smith  |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Dr. Marshall K. Bartlett |
| Executive Councilor | Dr. C. Stuart Welch      |

There were no other nominations from the floor and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the entire slate of officers.

The following candidates, having been nominated by the Executive Council, were elected to membership in the Society:

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| Alexander P. Aitken  | Walter Levenson     |
| Thomas W. Botsford   | Joseph P. Lynch     |
| Edwin F. Cave        | Roy E. Mabrey       |
| John W. Chamberlain  | John B. McKittrick  |
| Philip S. Foisie     | Ira T. Nathanson    |
| Eugene A. Gaston     | Lewis S. Pilcher    |
| Ward I. Gregg        | George W. Prather   |
| Dwight E. Harken     | Russell F. Sullivan |
| William H. Holtham   | Richey L. Waugh     |
| Charles J.E. Kickham | George P. Whitelaw  |
| Francis M. Woods     |                     |

The meeting was then adjourned.

Scientific Session:

The Endocrine Treatment of Cancer by Doctor Charles B. Huggins, Professor of Urological Surgery, University of Chicago School of Medicine.

The discussion was opened by Doctor Fletcher H. Colby and Doctor Ira T. Nathanson.

Respectfully submitted

*Marshall K. Barton*

Secretary



Ernest Granville Crabtree

1883 - 1947

Ernest Granville Crabtree was born November 23, 1883 in Zanesville, Ohio, and died of coronary thrombosis at Sharon, Vermont, May 30, 1947.

He was graduated from Wooster College in 1906, and from the Harvard Medical School in 1912. He had spent two intervening years teaching chemistry in Huron College. After completing his surgical internship at the Massachusetts General Hospital, he became the first resident in urology in that Institution. This post, he held for over two years and then became associated in practice with the late Hugh Cabot of Boston.

In World War I, Crabtree joined the American Unit of the British Medical Service and served with Base Hospital #22 in France from 1917 to 1919. Here, he distinguished himself as a resourceful, tireless, and competent surgeon and won the respect of his colleagues, both British and American.

After the War, he settled in Boston to practice urology and was consulting urologist to the Massachusetts General Hospital from 1919 to 1928. He then became chief of the urological department of the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, which post he held until his death. He was instructor in urology in the Harvard Medical School. He was also urologist at the New England Baptist, the Newton-Wellesley, and to the Boston Lying-in Hospitals. In this latter Institution, he originated and developed a special clinic for the care of urological diseases in pregnancy. Many of his publications and a book published in 1942 were the result of this special interest. "Pyelitis of Pregnancy", which was at one time a common and serious complication, was largely eliminated by his research and contributions on the subject. He held many consultant positions in hospitals throughout New England. He was particularly interested in the





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Crabtree was enhanced by his  
love for that section of New England, where he and his family spent many  
enjoyable holidays at their Jaffrey summer home.

Crabtree was a potent factor in the advancement of his specialty.  
His contributions to the literature were numerous. He was a man of high  
principles and high ideals with the background of a good training and  
education. This, combined with his extraordinary endurance and capacity  
for work, made it easy for him to attain unusual heights in the field of  
urology. He was highly esteemed by his colleagues and had countless  
devoted friends in this country as well as abroad.

In addition to the Boston Surgical Society, he was a member of the  
Massachusetts Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the New  
England Surgical Society, the Boston Obstetrical Society, and was past  
president of the Massachusetts Society of Social Hygiene. In his  
specialty, he was a member of the American Genito-Urinary Surgeons, the  
International Urological Association, and an honorary member of the western  
and southeastern sections of the American Urological Association. He was  
past president of the New England section of the American Urological  
Association, and President-elect of the American Urological Association,  
and would have been installed as President in June of this year. He also  
was a member of the American Board of Urology.

Crabtree was interested in teaching and developed through his adept-  
ness with photography special techniques in this field. He was never  
able to utilize extensively this type of instruction in its perfected state  
until World War II. During this period, he devoted a great deal of his  
time and energy to the teaching of urology by his unique methods to both  
Harvard and Tufts Medical students.

In spite of this obviously full professional life, Granville found



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man. His skill with rod and gun are well known to those of us who had the pleasure of admiring his perfection in these arts. His equipment was always the best obtainable and acquired to suit his own tastes. He loved to care for his guns and rods and display them to his friends - always would come the story of an unusual experience that a certain piece of his paraphernalia or a photograph brought to mind.

In 1914, Crabtree married Edith Reese who, with two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren survive him. He was unusually devoted to his family and included them in all his plans. They in return loved and respected him. He has had a good life and left a good heritage.

Arthur W. Allen











ELLIOTT CARR CUTLER 1888 - 1947

In the premature death on August 16, 1947, at fifty-nine years of age, of Elliott Carr Cutler--President-elect of this Society in 1945, and recipient of its Bigelow Medal in 1947--medicine and surgery throughout the world have lost a virile figure and beloved teacher; our community a loyal, generous friend; and his country a soldier who gave his life for her as surely as if a bullet had snuffed it out during his long years of battlefront service. Taken ill while still on active duty, his true disability unrecognized despite his own sure knowledge that he was a sick man, his devotion to his work made him as expendable as any soldier of the line.

Not until his job was complete and he had returned home was the true nature of his malady recognized. Very few men could, would, have faced the next two years with the courage, cheerfulness, optimism, and refusal to quit which he showed. A great soldier has gone to his reward.

Elliott Cutler was born in Bangor, Maine, July 30, 1888, sturdy colonial heritage, stemming from our earliest history. As a young man he gave prompt indication of the driving energy, by ambition, and love of a good fight so characteristic of his life. Both Public and private schools in Brookline set his in the educational pathway. He entered Harvard in 1905 where his scholastic record was one of distinction, and where he found as well to captain a victorious Harvard crew. He graduated Harvard Medical School "cum laude" in 1913, doing special in pathology during his fourth year under Dr. F. B. Mallory at the Boston City Hospital.

The following summer was spent at post-graduate work in pathology under Professor Krehl. He returned to become the ardent pupil of Dr. Harvey Cushing at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital as surgical house officer. In 1915 and 1916 he was resident surgeon at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and followed this with a year under Dr. Simon Flexner at the Rockefeller Institute. His war experience came directly after; a period of willing and distinguished service for which he seemed especially adapted, and gave him his first award of the Distinguished Service Medal and personal citation from General Pershing.

He returned to the Brigham Hospital as chief resident surgeon in 1919, serving for two years in this post. His climb up the academic ladder from that time was rapid and sure. He became professor of surgery at Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland in 1924, and director of the surgical service at the Lakeside Hospital. On the retirement of his teacher, Dr. Cushing, he came back to Boston as Moseley Professor of Surgery at Harvard, and as Surgeon-in-Chief at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. A great and oft-expressed ambition was to teach Harvard medical students, and knowing how much he admired and even subconsciously copied many of Dr. Cushing's characteristics, it is understandable that this post seemed to him the crowning touch of his academic career.







He was one of the first to recognize the inevitability of our participation in the last world war. In addition to his hospital and medical school work in the days preceding universal recognition and the actual step of war declaration, he worked long hours in the organization of civilian safety here at home. He was largely responsible for imbuing many of his pupils and colleagues with the need to organize themselves early into a new base hospital ready for their country's call. It is understandable that he could not leave them to face such service alone. In July of 1942, with the approval of the University and the Hospital, he became active again in the Army of the United States as a colonel in the Medical Corps. He became Chief Surgical Consultant in the European Theatre of Operations from August, 1942, to February, 1945, and Chief of the Professional Service Division from February, 1945, to August 1945, with the rank of Brigadier-General.

Major-General Paul R. Hawley, Surgeon-in-Chief of the European Theatre, has spoken of him in the following terms:

"His wisdom and his wide experience made him invaluable. His inexhaustible energy became proverbial among his fellow officers. He organized, he planned, he criticized, he praised. He was here, he was there, and he invariably subordinated his personal comfort and the prerogatives of his position to the task at hand. To him, more than to any other man, is due the credit for the fine medical care given the wounded in the European Theatre."

As a surgeon he was not spectacular. His technique was a direct heritage from Halsted, through Cushing. His pupils have all often heard his admonition--"These tissues are mostly water; we must never forget this!"--a typical exaggeration for the sake of emphasis. Careful hemostasis, gentleness, and a sacrifice of speed to obtain other more vital things as exposure and avoidance of trauma made his operations frequently lessons in anatomy for his assistants. He believed wholeheartedly in the importance of preoperative and postoperative care--more often than not doing his own dressings and always seeing his patients daily. His best known work is remembered as his insistence on the embolic theory of postoperative pulmonary complications as opposed to the widely accepted belief that inhalation played the major role; his pioneer work in cardiac surgery; and his work in the relief of congestive heart failure through the medium of total thyroidectomy. He will be remembered as the surgeon who performed the first pericardiectomy in this country and who successfully carried out the first direct operative attack on the stenosed post-rheumatic mitral valve. It was his pioneer work in this field which laid the foundation for the present day spectacular enlargement of this field which we all know so well in the work of Beck, Elkin, Gross, Blalock and others.

As a teacher he maintained that the fundamentals of good surgery should be presented to the students by senior teachers, and acted on this preachment. His own long training in pathology and laboratory study was all that was needed to emphasize his







insistence on such preparation among his pupils. A large number of his published writings dealt with the education of the surgeon, a subject upon which he was always ready to speak -- in fact, the subject of his Bigelow Medal Address -- his last published work. In spite of many problems of personal interest which his restless, even somewhat feverish mind urged him to pursue personally, he was already ready with helpful, pertinent suggestions in connection with the work of his younger colleagues. The weekly "Surgical Teas" over which he presided in his beloved laboratory, where over a cup of tea and a biscuit all the younger staff listened to one of their fellows present his work for general discussion, were stimulating beyond measure for these young men. It was here more than anywhere that his breadth of interest and wide familiarity with almost every phase of modern surgery showed itself to its best advantage. A nearly continuous stream of distinguished visitors -- his personal friends -- were regularly taken to these exercises and brought into the friendly, informal discussions. The Laboratory to Dr. Cutler was the proving ground for any new or difficult clinical problem.

He was a prolific writer -- his publications numbered well over 260 -- and an exceptionally able administrator. The duties incident to conducting a busy department of surgery -- so often the greatest hindrance to scientific productivity -- never bothered him. Budgetary limitations meant nothing to him. If the need arose, one or another of his host of friends seemed always ready to listen to his persuasive tongue and supply the necessary funds.

It is not possible here to enumerate all the honors which were his. He belonged to forty medical societies in many of which he held important offices. Even as the end came he was busily planning, as President of the American Surgical Association, for its meeting in 1948. Seven medical journals listed his name on their editorial boards. Honorary university degrees were his -- and among his ten military decorations are three from the governments of England, France and Norway. Few families can boast the proud story of patriotic service of the Cutlers during the last war. Twenty members of his family served in the armed forces, among them one commodore and two generals. Topping this remarkable record stands General Cutler's own -- for his was a service of help and rehabilitation to the wounded. He alone in our military history stands out as the only Medical officer to have received two Distinguished Service Medal awards.

But those who knew him best will not so much remember him as a great surgeon, a stimulating teacher, a person of many talents and unbounded energy, a charming host and wonderful companion, but as a man who faced with supreme courage, in a manner few may duplicate, those darkest hours of his last two years -- a man to whom the laying down of arms was unknown,



THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINTH MEETING  
of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Veterans  
Administration Hospital, West Roxbury, Massachusetts, on  
Monday, January 5, 1948. It was attended by fifty members  
and guests.

The following program was presented:

1. Late Reactions to Foreign Bodies  
Dr. Thomas W. Botsford  
Dr. D. Richard Freni
2. Surgery in the Management of Bleeding Peptic Ulcers  
Dr. Richard Warren
3. Problems in the Treatment of Pilonidal Sinus  
Dr. Knowles B. Lawrence  
Dr. William J. Baker
4. Amebic Abscess of the Liver  
Dr. Emerson H. Drake  
Dr. Thomas A. Warthin
5. Hindquarter Amputation for Chondrosarcoma of the Acetabulum  
Dr. Grantley W. Taylor  
Dr. John F. Cooper
6. Benign Bone Tumors; Presentation of cases  
Dr. William A. Elliston  
Dr. Arthur A. Thibodeau
7. Flexion Contractures of the Hand Following Septic  
Tenosynovitis and Trauma  
Dr. J. Edward Flynn
8. Transmetatarsal Amputation in Peripheral Arterial Disease  
Dr. Richard Warren  
Dr. Robert Vaughan.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bawcutt*

Secretary

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY ON Thursday afternoon, January 22, 1948  
at Dr. Thomas H. Lanman's office.

There were present Dr. Thomas H. Lanman, Dr. Francis C. Newton, Dr. Donald Munro, Dr. George V. Smith, Dr. Jacob Fine, Dr. Samuel N. Vose, Dr. Richard I. Smith, Dr. C. Stuart Welch, Dr. Leland S. McKittrick and Dr. Marshall K. Bartlett.

It was voted to transfer Dr. Reeve H. Betts to the Inactive list.

The subject of the number and nature of the meetings of the Society was discussed at some length. It was agreed that the morning clinical meetings were poorly attended and that it was probably advisable to try some modification of these meetings. It was also agreed that if the Society had fewer meetings, perhaps four rather than six each year, the attendance would probably be better.

It was decided to try changing the next proposed clinical meeting in March to a dinner meeting at the Harvard Club, the scientific program to be presented by the Staff of the Beth Israel Hospital. It was agreed that the number of papers should be limited to three or four, totalling not over one hour.

Dr. Claude S. Beck has accepted the invitation of the Society to speak at the April meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETIETH MEETING

of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Harvard Club on Wednesday evening, March 3, 1948 at 6:30 P.M. This was a dinner meeting and was attended by seventy-two active and senior members and five guests.

The Executive Session was omitted and the following Scientific Session was presented by members of the Staff of the Beth Israel Hospital:

Etiology of Stress Incontinence.

Dr. S. Richard Muellner

Discussion opened by Dr. Paul A. Younge.

Peritoneal Irrigation for the Treatment of Acute Renal Failure.

Dr. Jacob Fine

Discussion opened by Dr. Charles Burnett.

Is there an Adequate Treatment for Regional Enteritis.

Dr. Arnold Starr

Discussion opened by Dr. Charles Mixter.

A Program of Research in Chemotherapy of Cancer.

Dr. Arnold M. Seligman

Discussion opened by Dr. Sidney Farber.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall B. Barton*

Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIRST MEETING

of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Harvard Club on Monday evening, April 5, 1948, at 6:30 P.M. This was a dinner meeting and was attended by seventy-seven active and senior members and two guests.

The Executive session was omitted and the following Scientific Session was presented:

Revascularization of the Heart

by Dr. Claude S. Beck, Professor of  
Neurosurgery at Western Reserve University  
and Attending Surgeon Lakeside Hospital,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

The discussion was opened by Dr. Edward D.  
Churchill and Dr. Samuel A. Levine.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY on Thursday 7 October 1948  
at Dr. Thomas H. Lanman's office.

There were present - Dr. Thomas H. Lanman, Dr. Francis  
C. Newton, Dr. Donald Munro, Dr. C. Stuart Welch, Dr.  
Richard I. Smith, Dr. Leland S. McKittrick, Dr. Samuel  
N. Vose and Dr. Marshall K. Bartlett.

It was voted to omit the usual November meeting and  
hold the annual meeting on 6 December 1948. This meeting  
will be entirely devoted to business matters of the  
Society and no Scientific Program is planned.

The January meeting will be held at the Harvard Club and  
will be sponsored by the Boston City Hospital.

The matter of nomination of new members was discussed  
and the qualifications of candidates held over from  
previous years were reviewed. The secretary was in-  
structed to notify all members of the Society that  
nominations for membership will be made at the next  
meeting of the Executive Council, about 1 November 1948,  
and that proposals for membership should be sent in  
before that date.

The financial status of the Society was discussed and  
it was agreed to propose to the Society that the dues  
for the coming year be Five Dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON  
SURGICAL SOCIETY on Monday afternoon, 8 November 1948 at the  
office of Doctor Thomas H. Lanman.

There were present Doctors Thomas H. Lanman, Francis C. Newton, Donald Munro, C. Stuart Welch, Samuel N. Vose, Richard I. Smith, Jacob Fine and Marshall K. Bartlett.

It was voted to nominate the following officers of the Society for 1949, to be presented to the Society at the Annual Meeting:

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| President           | Dr. Francis C. Newton    |
| President-elect     | Dr. Leland S. McKittrick |
| Vice President      | Dr. Roger C. Graves      |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Dr. Claude E. Welch      |
| Executive Councilor | Dr. Henry H. Faxon       |

The following candidates were nominated by the Executive Council for membership in the Society:

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Weston T. Buddington | Wyland F. Leadbetter |
| Richard W. Dwight    | John M. McGowan      |
| Earl E. Ewert        | S. Richard Muellner  |
| A. Price Heusner     | Joseph Tartakoff     |

It was voted to hold the applications of the following candidates until 1949:

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| George Austen, Jr. | Francis M. Ingersoll |
| Charles B. Burbank | Donald D. Matson     |
| Francis P. Chiampa | George F. Miller     |
| William F. Flynn   | Arnold M. Seligman   |
| Gerald G. Garcelon | Charles G. Shedd     |
| Joseph A. Holmes   |                      |

It was voted to reject the applications of the following:

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Marion L. Connerley | Gerald L. Doherty |
| Robert S. Myers     |                   |

An auditing committee, consisting of Doctor Grantley W. Taylor and Doctor Richard H. Wallace, was appointed by the President to inspect the Treasurer's books and report at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Bartlett*

Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SECOND MEETING OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY was held at the Harvard Club on Monday evening, December 6, 1948 at 6:30. This was a dinner meeting. Doctor Thomas H. Lanman, President, presided. The dinner was attended by eighty-three active and senior members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was omitted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as approved by the Auditing Committee.

It was voted that the annual dues for the coming year would be five dollars.

The following candidates, having been nominated by the Executive Council were elected to membership in the Society.

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Weston T. Buddington | Wyland F. Leadbetter |
| Richard W. Dwight    | John M. McGowan      |
| Earl T. Ewert        | S. Richard Muellner  |
| A. Price Heusner     | Joseph Tartakoff     |

The following nominations for officers of the Society were presented by the Executive Council:

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| President           | Dr. Francis C. Newton    |
| President-Elect     | Dr. Leland S. McKittrick |
| Vice President      | Dr. Roger C. Graves      |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Dr. Claude E. Welch      |
| Executive Councilor | Dr. Henry H. Faxon       |

There were no other nominations from the floor and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the entire slate of officers.

There was considerable discussion in regard to the membership policy of the Society, especially in reference to requirements for membership as applied to surgeons in the Armed Services.

It was announced that the next meeting would be held on January 10, 1949 at the Harvard Club and that the Scientific Program would be sponsored by the Boston City Hospital.

An invitation from the Paraplegia Service at the Framingham V. A. Hospital to attend a meeting at that hospital on February 25, 1949, was announced by Dr. Donald Munro.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SECOND MEETING - continued

The question of renewal of the joint meetings of the Society with the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery was discussed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marshall K. Barton*

Secretary



CHARLES FAIRBANK PAINTER

Charles F. Painter was born at Grand Haven, Michigan, on May 19, 1869. He died on January 6, 1947.

Dr. Painter's boyhood schooling was obtained in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, where he grew up. He went to Williams College for one year and then transferred to Johns Hopkins University, from which institution he graduated in 1891. He next entered Harvard Medical School and graduated in 1895. Following this he interned at the Massachusetts General Hospital and later on at the Children's Hospital in Boston, after which he became associated with Dr. Joel Goldthwaite. He was the Second Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at the Carney Hospital and about the same time was Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Tufts College Medical School. In 1913 he was made Dean of this school.

During World War I Dr. Painter served as Orthopedic Surgeon at the Chelsea Naval Hospital. He was also for many years Orthopedic Surgeon at the House of the Good Samaritan and at the Robert Breck Brigham Hospital. He later was Orthopedic Surgeon at the Beth Israel and Massachusetts Women's Hospitals. For several years he served on the Medical Committee of the Industrial School for Crippled Children. He also was Professor of Medical History at Tufts Medical School.

He was elected to membership in the American Orthopedic Association in 1899 and became its President in 1916. He devoted a great deal of his time to the Editorial Committee of this Association from 1908 until 1914. From 1937 to 1944 he served as a member of the Board of Associate Editors of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery and for a short period was its Acting Editor. His wise counsel and editorial help were of the







greatest assistance throughout his association with this Journal. Dr. Painter was for eight years Librarian of the Boston Medical Library, and in 1940 he was Editor of the Year Book of Industrial and Orthopedic Surgery.

In 1909 he was co-author with Dr. Joel Goldthwaite and Dr. Robert B. Osgood of a book entitled, "Diseases of Bones and Joints". He was author of many articles which were noted for erudition, clarity, and good sense. He was not only an excellent writer, but also an excellent teacher.

As a practitioner, Dr. Painter was wise and able, always kindly to his patients without regard to their station in life. Throughout his official career he was personally interested in those who had the good fortune to be his House pupils and closely followed their careers. At all times his doors were open to those who wished his advice in matters pertaining to their welfare in the medical world.

In 1900 he married Alice Angier <sup>had</sup> and two children; a son and a daughter ~~resulted from this union.~~

Charles Painter had a happy disposition and a happy life. He had a keen sense of humor and enjoyed a good joke and a good story. In his praise, one can say that he was human and tolerant. He accomplished much and will be sadly missed by all of those who knew him well.

Frank R. Ober, M. D.

Boston Surgical Society  
March 3, 1948











THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THIRD

Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Harvard Club on Monday evening, January 10, 1949 at 6:30. This was a dinner meeting and was attended by seventy-five active and senior members and one guest.

The Executive Session was omitted and the following Scientific Session was presented by members of the staff of the Boston City Hospital:

Acute Suppurative Tenosynovitis of the Hand  
Dr. J. Edward Flynn

The Use and Abuse of Lumbar Sympathectomy  
Dr. Eugene E. O'Neil

Carcinoma of the Esophagus  
Dr. John W. Streider

The Treatment of Painful Genital Phantoms  
Dr. A. Price Heusner

Boston City Hospital Bone Bank  
Dr. Joseph H. Shortell

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY on January 14, 1949 in Dr. Francis Newton's office.

There were present Dr. Francis C. Newton, Dr. Thomas H. Lanman, Dr. Samuel N. Vose, Dr. Richard I. Smith, Dr. Roger E. Graves, Dr. Leland S. McKittrick, Dr. Joe V. Meigs, Dr. C. Stuart Welch, and Dr. Claude E. Welch.

The programs for the remainder of the year were discussed. It was decided to hold the February meeting in the Cushing General Hospital on February twenty-fifth in accordance with Dr. Munro's previous invitation. The March meeting will be under the direction of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. It is planned that the last two meetings shall be dinner meetings at the Harvard Club.

The possibility of a presentation of the Bigelow Medal this fall was considered briefly. Dr. Arthur W. Allen's suggestion of Lord Alfred Webb-Johnson as the medalist was considered. A definite decision is to be reached at the next meeting.

It was voted to transfer Dr. Stephen Rushmore and Dr. Horace K. Sowles to the list of Senior Members.

The stipend paid to the secretary of the Secretary of the Society was discussed. The Secretary is to report at a later date concerning the amount of time devoted to the affairs of the Society, and the stipend is to be increased accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOURTH

Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Cushing Veterans Administration Hospital on Friday morning, February 25 at 9:30. The following program was presented by the Staff of the Paraplegia Service under the auspices of the Veterans Administration:

SYMPOSIUM -SOME ASPECTS OF PARAPLEGIC CARE

Chairman, Dr. H. W. Talbot, Chief of Paraplegia Service

Dr. R. R. Gasser, Manager, Cushing Veterans Administration  
Hospital - Message of Welcome

Dr. Donald Munro - The Immediate Care of Patients following Cord  
Injury

Dr. Joseph W. O'Neil - Some General Metabolic and Hygienic Problems

Dr. Arthur J. Bassell - The Major Urological Considerations

Dr. John H. Van Landingham )  
Dr. John T. O'Neil ) - The Problem of Pain

Visit to Ambulation Clinic, Ward 511

Dr. Melvin K. Lyons - Demonstration of Tidal Drainage and Cystometry

Dr. Robert T. Steinsieck - The Surgical Treatment of Pressure Sores

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary



THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIFTH

Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Harvard Club on Monday evening, March 21, 1949 at 6:30. The following Scientific Session was presented under the auspices of the Lahey Clinic:

Repair of the Facial Nerve  
Dr. Frank D. Lathrop

Total Esophagectomy for Carcinoma of the Upper  
Third of the Esophagus  
Dr. David P. Boyd (by invitation)

Coarctation of the Aorta in Adults  
Dr. Herbert D. Adams

Experiences with Total Gastrectomy  
Dr. Samuel F. Marshall

Advances in Pancreatic Surgery  
Dr. Richard B. Cattell

Hyperthyroidism  
Dr. Frank H. Lahey

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIXTH

Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Harvard Club on Monday evening, April 18, 1949 at 6:30. The following Scientific Session was presented under the auspices of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital:

- I. Some Current Surgical Problems in Heart Disease.
  - A. The Experimental Application of Plastic Substances to Blood Vessels and Major Valves.  
... Dr. Charles A. Hufnagel
  - B. Surgical Experiences with the Treatment of Mitral Stenosis  
... Dr. Dwight Harken
- II. The Artificial Kidney as a Therapeutic Device.
  - A. Problems in Construction of the Apparatus and In the Conduct of Artificial Kidney Treatment  
... Dr. Carl W. Walter
  - B. Types of Clinical Situations which can be Treated by the Artificial Kidney  
... Dr. John P. Merrill
- III. The Metabolic Response to Injury.
  - A. Observations on the Brain Centers which Mediate The "Alarm Reaction".  
... Dr. David M. Hume
  - B. Clinical Requirements for Cellular Nutrition in Surgical Patients.  
... Dr. Francis D. Moore

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON  
SURGICAL SOCIETY ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 28, 1949 AT  
DR. FRANCIS C. NEWTON'S OFFICE.

There were present Dr. Francis C. Newton, Dr. Leland S. McKittrick, Dr. Roger E. Graves, Dr. Samuel N. Vose, Dr. C. Stuart Welch, Dr. Richard Smith, Dr. Henry H. Faxon, Dr. Thomas H. Lanman and Dr. Claude E. Welch.

This meeting was held to determine whether or not the Bigelow Medal should be given this year, and specifically, whether or not it should be awarded to Lord Alfred Webb-Johnson. The President read a communication from Dr. Arthur Allen, stating that Lord Alfred Webb-Johnson would be in the city this fall and that he would be, by far, the most acceptable British surgeon. The history of the Bigelow Medal was reviewed by Dr. Lanman, and the list of recipients read by the secretary. It was concluded that the Bigelow Fund would, at the present time, not support another medal but that, if necessary, further funds could be drawn from the checking account of the Society. The contributions of various men to surgery were considered, including those of Lord Alfred Webb-Johnson, Dr. Gordon Gordon-Taylor, Dr. W. Heneage Ogilvie and Dr. Evarts A. Graham. After a lengthy discussion, it was concluded that the medal would not be awarded this year. It was decided that Dr. Newton would convey the decision personally to Dr. Allen.

Details of the November meeting, which is to be held in the New England Medical Center, were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY on October 4, 1949 in Dr. Francis Newton's office.

There were present Dr. Francis C. Newton, Dr. Thomas H. Lanman, Dr. Samuel N. Vose, Dr. Richard I. Smith, Dr. Roger E. Graves, Dr. Leland S. McKittrick, Dr. Joe V. Meigs, Dr. Henry H. Faxon, and Dr. Claude E. Welch.

This was a special meeting called by the President to discuss the entertainment of members of the International Society of Surgery who will be in Boston October 31, and November 1 and 2. They will be followed by a second group of visitors from Sweden and Finland on November 5. It was generally agreed that the Society would prefer to aid in their entertainment. Various projects were discussed. It was concluded finally that the exact type of program would be outlined at a later date by the President and Secretary when the total number of visitors would be known. In all probability, an information booth will be established in their local hotel and a cocktail party will be held on November 1.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary



## THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVENTH

Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held at the Harvard Club on November 1, 1949 at 5 p.m. This was an informal cocktail party. Members of the International Society of Surgery visiting in Boston on that date and their wives were guests of the members of the Boston Surgical Society.

There was no Scientific Session.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude F. Walsh*

Secretary

## MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SURGERY

Visiting Boston, November 1, 1949

Guests of the Boston Surgical Society at the Harvard Club

|                       |                                                   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| NAEGELI IL            | Mrs. Mrs. E. R. FRIZELLE                          |
| MOUTON C.             | Mrs. and Mrs. A. H. SEBAECHTS <sup>Brussels</sup> |
| COXATE                | Mrs. and Mrs. VAN NEE <sup>Brussels</sup>         |
| FERRAN +              | x Cornelle de St G +                              |
| Vante                 | x D <sup>r</sup> Corajod et M <sup>me</sup>       |
| Kosti                 | + JOSE ESCOBAR DELMAS                             |
| MENDEZ LEON           | + CHRIS. KOUVELIS                                 |
| Cortes Llado          | James Edward <sup>intimes</sup> Eng               |
| Z. Kairis             | J. H. Hannah                                      |
| T. ZEROL O            | x H. H. Laccap +                                  |
| B. Karageorgy         | Boston Anesthet                                   |
| D <sup>r</sup> BONZON | Mrs. Boston                                       |
| x KYRIAKOS            | Boston Jr.                                        |
|                       | G. Joly W. Joly                                   |



X CORADO and Mrs.

Crijo

X BOUVIER and Miss

Bouvier

+ Sr J. Marengo

Martin Lagos

X ~~fine~~

Dr. René C. Vallejo

Havana?

Dr. Paul Tills

Dr. et M<sup>me</sup> Yonnet

Maenway

R. Deneel

Dr. J. ac. Govecki, Gary

Dr. NEFF Switzerland

L. F. Rocco, Locarno

DUBOIS-ROQUEBERT (NOT RUCCA)

DEBURGE Bremen

HUTINEL

J. G. Maun FRANCE

Alger, G. Sweetbaffle

Durban

South Africa

Hassan Khakimi

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY on November 10, 1949, in Dr. Francis Newton's Office.

There were present Dr. Francis C. Newton, Dr. Henry H. Faxon, Dr. Richard I. Smith, Dr. Thomas H. Lanman, Dr. Samuel N. Vose, Dr. Roger E. Graves, and Dr. Claude E. Welch.

The meeting was called to discuss several matters of current interest.

It was moved by Dr. Vose that the salary of the Secretary's secretary be changed to \$100.00 per annum. This was seconded by Dr. Graves and passed unanimously by the Council.

It was then moved by Dr. Lanman and seconded by Dr. Faxon that the expenses incurred relative to the entertainment of the members of the International Society of Surgeons be taken from the existing funds of the Society. After discussion, this also was adopted unanimously.

The President named Dr. Jason Mixter to compose a memorial for Dr. Charles L. Scudder and Dr. Horace Binney for Dr. James J. Hepburn. These memorials are to be read at the annual meeting.

The Secretary was empowered by the President to appoint an Auditing Committee to inspect the books of the Society.

It was suggested that the following men be appointed to the list of Senior Members: Dr. John S. Hodgson, Dr. Gilbert Horrax, Dr. Donald Munro, Dr. Edward B. Sheehan, Dr. George VanGorder, and Dr. Richey L. Waugh.

After a thorough discussion of all applicants for active membership, the following candidates are to be presented to the Society at the annual meeting: Dr. Francis P. Chiampa, Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, Dr. William F. Flynn, Dr. George F. Miller, Dr. Donald D. Matson, Dr. Francis M. Ingersoll, and Dr. George Austen, Jr. Dr. Richard Cattell was nominated for President, Dr. Langdon Parsons for Vice President. Dr. John Spellman was nominated as a member of the Executive Council. Dr. Claude E. Welch was nominated for reelection Secretary-Treasurer.



The coming meetings were discussed. It was decided that it would be well to obtain an outside speaker for the December meeting, and Dr. M. H. Knisely of Charleston, South Carolina was considered to be an excellent choice. The January meeting is to be held under the auspices of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Respectfully submitted

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary

Note: Further investigation by the Secretary revealed that only these men should be appointed to the list of Senior Members: Dr. Gilbert Horrax, Dr. Edward B. Sheehan, Dr. George VanGorder, and Dr. Richey L. Waugh.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHTH

Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held in the New England Center Hospital on Monday, November 7, 1949.

Approximately 110 members were present. Inspection of the new surgical unit was followed by a buffet supper. The following Scientific Session was then presented by members of the staff:

The Significance of Jaundice after Gastrectomy  
- - Joseph Tartakoff

A Modification of Thoracoplasty by the Use of Lucite  
Plombage - - - - - Francis Woods

Bronchial Adenomas - - Richard H. Overholt and  
Ivan Schmidt

The Application and Technique of Dissection of the  
Retroperitoneal Lymphnodes - Wyland F. Leadbetter

A Clinical Method for Recording Internal Carotid Pressure:  
Significance of Changes during Carotid Occlusion  
- - W. H. Sweet, S. Sarnoff, and L. Bakay

The papers were discussed by members of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary



# THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH

Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held in the Harvard Club on Monday evening, December 12, 1949. This was the Annual Meeting with Dr. Francis Newton, President, presiding. Ninety-one active and senior members and two guests attended the dinner.

## The Executive Session:

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were omitted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. It was approved by the Auditing Committee, consisting of Drs. Horatio Rogers and Marshall Bartlett.

A memorial to Dr. James J. Hepburn was read by Dr. Horace Binney. A memorial to Dr. Charles Locke Scudder prepared by Dr. Jason Mixter was read by the Secretary. It was voted to spread these memorials on the minutes of the Society and to send copies to the near relatives.

The Following nominations for officers of the Society were presented by the Executive Council:

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| President            | Dr. Leland S. McKittrick |
| President-Elect      | Dr. Richard B. Cattell   |
| Vice President       | Dr. Langdon Parsons      |
| Secretary-Treasurer  | Dr. Claude E. Welch      |
| Executive Councillor | Dr. John Spellman        |

There were no other nominations from the floor, and the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the entire slate of officers.

The following candidates, having been nominated by the Executive Council, were elected to membership in the Society:

Dr. Francis P. Chiampa  
 Dr. Joseph A. Holmes  
 Dr. William F. Flynn  
 Dr. George F. Miller  
 Dr. Donald D. Matson  
 Dr. Francis M. Ingersoll  
 Dr. George Austen, Jr.

## The Scientific Session:

"A New Separation of Several Sets of Pathologic Mechanisms Which Occur During Different Kinds of Circulatory 'Shock'"

This paper was presented by Dr. M. H. Knisely, Professor of Anatomy, University of South Carolina, Charleston, and was discussed by Drs. Francis D. Moore, Jacob Fine, and Oliver Cope.

Respectfully submitted

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary



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His faithful and conscientious work in Hospital and Medical School, his unfailing care of and devotion to his patients, and warm-hearted friendliness, combined with a strong sense of humor, won his many friends and made him highly valued by his hospital and medical school colleagues.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Society, Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and of the New England Surgical Society, and one of the Founders' group of the American Board of Surgery. He was Secretary of his Class in Harvard Medical School.

Having a general interest in surgery, he wrote and published papers on a number of subjects, among them Gastric Ulcer, Gall Bladder Disease, Ventral Hernia, and Intestinal Obstruction due to Endometriosis.

Besides his wife and two sisters, he is survived by three sons, James Preble, a physician practising in Milton, Nelson Theroux in his third year in Tufts Medical School, and Johnston Sumner, who has an A. M. Degree from McGill University, and is a teacher of French in a private school in New England.

One of his close friends says of him: "He lived modestly. His greatest pleasures was in his beautiful home in Norwood, where he devoted practically all of his spare time to his family. To hold a post-prandial Student Forum or a Surgical Staff Conference at his home was his only social indulgence. His was a life of devotion to his calling, at times too much so for his own well-being, but he sought his happiness where he expected to find it - - in his home and in his profession. Both will greatly miss him."

Horace Binney, M.D.

Boston Surgical Society

# THE HISTORY OF

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The history of the world is a subject of great interest and importance. It is a subject which has attracted the attention of men of all ages and of all nations. The history of the world is a subject which has been the subject of many different theories and opinions. Some have thought of it as a series of events, while others have thought of it as a process. Some have thought of it as a story, while others have thought of it as a science. The history of the world is a subject which has been the subject of many different theories and opinions. Some have thought of it as a series of events, while others have thought of it as a process. Some have thought of it as a story, while others have thought of it as a science. The history of the world is a subject which has been the subject of many different theories and opinions. Some have thought of it as a series of events, while others have thought of it as a process. Some have thought of it as a story, while others have thought of it as a science.



JAMES JOSEPH HEPBURN

1883 - 1949

James Joseph Hepburn was born in Somerville, Massachusetts, November 19, 1883. He prepared for college at the Somerville Latin School and entered Harvard with the Class of 1906, in which year he received his A. B. Degree. Completing his college course in three years, he entered the Harvard Medical School in 1905 and graduated in 1909. After a short internship in St. Mary's Lying-in Hospital, he began his Surgical Internship at the Boston City Hospital in 1910. On completing this, he served for six months as Executive Assistant at the Hospital. In 1912 he was appointed Surgeon to Out-patients, and until 1916 held a similar position at the Carney Hospital. Thereafter he served in the various grades of Visiting Surgeon at the City Hospital until in 1936 he became a Surgeon-in-Chief on the First Surgical Service. After ten years he retired from the City Hospital Staff and was appointed Consulting Surgeon.

He carried on a busy surgical practice in Boston until early in 1949 when he was forced to retire by illness. For many years he was an active member of the Surgical Staff of the Norwood Hospital, and was also on the Staffs of the Mt. Auburn, St. Margaret's and Harley Hospitals.

Besides his devoted work in hospital and private practice, he for many years was an active and highly valued teacher of Surgery in Tufts Medical School. Beginning in 1912 he became Assistant Professor of Surgery and later Clinical Professor until his appointment as Professor of Surgery in 1936. He became Professor Emeritus in 1946. He died October 26, 1949 in Norwood after a six months' illness.

CHARLES LOCKE SCUDDER

1860 - 1949

Charles Locke Scudder was born in Kent, Connecticut in 1860. He was graduated from Yale in 1882 and returning for graduate studies received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1883. In 1888, he received his M. D. from the Harvard Medical School. He received his diploma as House Pupil at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1889.

He made a good record at the Massachusetts General Hospital and was appointed Surgeon to Out-patients in 1891, Visiting Surgeon in 1903, Chief of the East Surgical Service in 1914, Board of Consultation in 1920 and Honorary Surgeon in 1931. He was a member of most of the National Surgical Societies as well as our local societies.

Dr. Scudder, as we knew him at the Massachusetts General Hospital, was an earnest, able, energetic surgeon and teacher. He was rather small and dark with a good head and dark eyes that seemed to take in everything that was going on about him. He seldom smiled and always was busy. Apparently, he had little time for the usual give and take banter that goes on among the members of a hospital staff. When he spoke, it was always to the point.

When one thinks of the Scudder of later years, one thinks primarily of fractures for his greatest fame came from his work in the treatment of fractures and the book which bears his name. We who knew him in the earlier years well remember his facility in the treatment of many other lesions. His "Tumors of the Jaws" was published in 1912 and is a classic. Not many years after he was collecting a noteworthy series of gastric cases and at the same time developing





his own technique in the handling of this interesting and difficult branch of surgery.

But during all these years, fractures were his greatest interest. I can well remember his anger when an unfortunate senior officer reduced a separation of the lower epiphysis of the femur without telephoning Dr. Scudder that the case was in the Accident Room and though I cannot vouch for it, there is a similar story concerning a dislocation of the hip. His interest in surgery made him keep in close touch with all that went on on his service and at times his juniors had less work to do than they desired on account of this interest. His work was highly individualistic both in his surgical technique and in his writings, and it is interesting that of the one hundred or more of his papers which are listed in the Treadwell Library only thirteen were written in collaboration with another person. The titles of these papers cover the whole field of surgery from tracheotomy for diphtheria to his beloved fractures.

Although over 80 years of age, he volunteered for work in the Out-Patient Department of the Massachusetts General Hospital where he gave valued service for many months during World War II.

He was a man of few interests outside of his profession. His family and, for a time, his farm and apple orchards in Sherborne would seem to have covered his outside activities. He was very devoted to Mrs. Scudder, an invalid for many years. This paucity of outside interests coupled with his penchant for working alone gave one the impression that aside from his family he led a rather lonely life. Probably this impression is untrue for his interest in surgery and





and particularly in fractures never waned but remained with him throughout the years.

He died on August 19, 1949, at the age of eighty-eight years after a short illness.

Jason W. Mixter, M.D.

Boston Surgical Society

December 12, 1949



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON  
SURGICAL SOCIETY on January 5, 1950, in Dr. Leland McKittrick's  
Office.

The following members were present: Dr. Leland S. McKittrick,  
Dr. Richard H. Cattell, Dr. Langdon Parsons, Dr. Claude E. Welch,  
Dr. Francis C. Newton, Dr. Thomas H. Lanman, Dr. Richard I. Smith  
and Dr. John Spellman.

The meetings for the remainder of the year were discussed. It  
was decided to hold two other dinner meetings after the one  
already scheduled in January. There will be one in February  
under the direction of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital,  
and the final one, late in March, probably under the direction  
of St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

A request by Dr. James McCann to read a paper at the regular  
meeting was discussed. It was decided that since the programs  
had been arranged for the remainder of the year that it could  
not be presented.

A discussion was held concerning the desirability of presenting  
the Bigelow Medal this year, particularly in conjunction with  
the American College of Surgeon's meeting. Many names were  
discussed, including those of Graham, Gallie, Blalock, Allen,  
Ogilvie, Gordon-Taylor, Collier, David, and Elkin. Further  
discussion is to be held on this problem in one month, and a  
final decision reached.

It was decided that a new edition of the Constitution and By-  
Laws together with a revised list of members be made in the  
near future, provided that the cost is not excessive.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary

## THE TWO HUNDREDETH

Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held in the Harvard Club on Wednesday evening, January 11, 1950.

This was a dinner meeting and was given under the auspices of the Massachusetts General Hospital. It was attended by eighty-nine members and two guests. The Scientific Session, held immediately afterwards, included the following papers:

Salivary Gland Tumors - - - - - Grantley W. Taylor

Surgical Treatment of Aneurysms - - Robert R. Linton

Improved Method of Cancer Cytology  
in Body Fluids - - - Donald Fawcett (by invitation)

Achalasia of the Esophagus: Surgical Treatment  
- - Richard H. Sweet

The Prognosis of Duodenal Ulcer:  
Follow-up Study of 1000 Cases - Horatio Rogers

There was an active discussion by the members of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Wink*

Secretary



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOSTON SURGICAL SOCIETY on February 10, 1950, in  
Dr. Leland McKittrick's Office.

The following members were present: Dr. Leland S. McKittrick, Dr. Richard H. Cattell, Dr. Francis C. Newton, Dr. Thomas H. Lanman, Dr. Richard I. Smith, Dr. Samuel N. Vose, Dr. C. Stuart Welch, Dr. John Spellman, and Dr. Claude E. Welch.

The meeting was held primarily to determine whether or not the Bigelow Medal should be given this year, specifically in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons meeting. To the list of possible recipients mentioned previously, the names of Finocchietto, Gross, and Crafoord were added. It was determined that only one hour could be allotted by the American College of Surgeons for the presentation of the medal, and it was decided that this would not be sufficient. Furthermore, no agreement could be reached on a recipient. In conclusion, it was decided that the medal would not be given this year.

It was decided that members might invite guests to the regular dinners of the Society. Each member would be entitled to one guest for whom he would assume financial responsibility. Guests will not be allowed to attend the annual dinner.

The program for the remainder of the year was discussed. A request by Dr. Carl W. Walters to present new material on blood transfusion was considered favorably. This material will be presented on April 3 in conjunction with a paper on electrolyte balance by Dr. Charles Burnett. This will replace the meeting previously scheduled for St. Elizabeth's Hospital that will be deferred until next year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary

# THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIRST

Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held in the Harvard Club on Monday, February 27, 1950. This was a dinner meeting and was given under the auspices of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals. It was attended by seventy members and guests. Following the dinner, the following Scientific Program was presented:

Effect of Compression on Deep Venous Blood Flow

- - - Joseph R. Stanton  
(by invitation)

The Present Day Status of the Fenestration Operation

- - - Leighton Johnson

Some Secondary Effects of Sympathectomy

- - - George P. Whitelaw

Discussion of Pelvic Exenteration for Carcinoma  
of the Cervix

- - - Langdon Parsons

Pheochromocytoma - with motion picture showing removal

- - - R. H. Smithwick

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary



## THE TWO HUNDRED AND SECOND

Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held in the Harvard Club on Monday, April 3, 1950. This was a dinner meeting and was given under the auspices of the St. Elizabeth's Hospital. It was attended by 56 members and 18 guests. Following the dinner, the following Scientific Program was presented:

Plastic Repair of Extensive Scalp Defects - Melvin White  
(by invitation)

Management of Transfusion Reactions due  
to Incompatible Blood - - - - - William C. Moloney  
(by invitation)

Neurosurgical Measures for Relief of  
Intractable Pain - - - - - Joseph Dorsey  
(by invitation)

Diagnosis and Management of Rupture  
of the Esophagus - - - - - Joseph Lynch

A short business meeting was held after the dinner. Dr. McKittrick stated that the Boston Surgical Society had been asked informally by Dr. Francis Moore to sponsor a program on the nutrition of the surgical patient, to be held concomitantly with the Massachusetts Medical meeting in May. It was voted by the Society to accept this assignment.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOSTON  
SURGICAL SOCIETY ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1950 IN DR. LELAND MDKITTRICK'S  
OFFICE

The following members were present: Dr. Leland S. McKittrick, Dr. Richard H. Cattell, Dr. Francis C. Newton, Dr. Richard I. Smith, Dr. John Spellman, Dr. C. Stuart Welch, and Dr. Claude E. Welch.

The programs for the coming year were discussed. In view of the convention of the American College of Surgeons which will be held in this city within the next month, it was decided to omit the November meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held sometime in December. The January meeting will be sponsored by the Children's Hospital and the Boston Lying-in Hospital. For the Annual Meeting, it was suggested that a speaker be obtained from out of the city who could instruct the members in the care of mass civilian casualties. Dr. Richard Cattell was appointed by the President to discuss the speaker with Dr. Shields Warren and obtain the proper person.

It was voted to ask Dr. Irving Walker to read a tribute to Dr. Fred B. Lund, Dr. Frederick Irving to read for Dr. Franklin S. Newell, and for Dr. Jacob Fine to read the tribute for Dr. Walter S. Levenson at the Annual Meeting, these being the three members of the Society who have died in the past year.

It was voted that the annual dues be \$5.00.

The award of the Bigelow medal was discussed, and it was the consensus of opinion that the medal should be given sometime next year. The available candidates were again considered, and a final decision will be reached at a later date.

The candidates for membership were then discussed. It was unanimously voted to accept the names of Dr. Duncan E. Reid, Dr. Edward Harding, Dr. J. Gordon Scannell, Dr. Harrison Kennard, Dr. Edwin L. Prien, Dr. Frederick Ross, Dr. Samuel Lewis, Dr. Charles W. Robertson, Dr. Chester W. Howe, Dr. Norman J. Wilson, Dr. Henry T. Ballantine, Jr., Dr. Albert S. Murphy, and Dr. John B. Sears. These names will be presented to the Society at the Annual Meeting.

The name of Dr. Grantley Taylor was nominated for President-Elect, Dr. Jacob Fine for Vice-President, Dr. Claude E. Welch for Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year. Dr. A. J. Campbell was nominated as member of the Executive Council.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claude E. Welch*

Secretary



### THE TWO HUNDRED AND THIRD

Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held in the Harvard Club on Monday evening, December 11, 1950. This was the annual meeting with Dr. Leland McKittrick, President, presiding. One hundred active and senior members, and three guests attended the dinner.

#### The Executive Session:

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was omitted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. It was approved by the Auditing Committee, consisting of Drs. Horatio Rogers and Marshall Bartlett. The following nominations for offices of the Society were presented by the Executive Council:

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| President            | Dr. Richard B. Cattell |
| President-Elect      | Dr. Grantley W. Taylor |
| Vice President       | Dr. Jacob Fine         |
| Secretary-Treasurer  | Dr. Claude E. Welch    |
| Executive Councillor | Dr. A. J. Campbell     |

There were no other nominations from the floor and the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the above group.

An obituary of Dr. Franklin S. Newell was read by Dr. Frederick J. Irving, of Dr. James W. Toumey, Jr. by Dr. G. E. Haggart, and of Dr. Walter S. Levenson by Dr. David Berlin. Dr. David Cheever then spoke extemporaneously in honor of Dr. Fred B. Lund.

The following candidates, having been selected by the Executive Council, were elected to membership to the Society:

Dr. H. Thomas Ballantine, Jr.  
 Dr. Edward Harding,  
 Dr. Chester W. Howe  
 Dr. Harrison E. Kennard  
 Dr. Samuel Lewis  
 Dr. Albert S. Murphy  
 Dr. Edwin L. Prien  
 Dr. Duncan E. Reid  
 Dr. Charles W. Robertson  
 Dr. Frederick P. Ross  
 Dr. John G. Scannell  
 Dr. John B. Sears  
 Dr. Norman J. Wilson

Scientific Session:

Rear Admiral M. D. Wilcutts, Commanding Officer, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, presented the paper of the evening. It was entitled, "Mass Casualties". The paper was discussed by Dr. Shields Warren and by Dr. Vlado A. Getting.

Respectfully submitted

*Claude E. Weist*

Secretary



FRANKLIN SPILMAN NEWELL

1871 - 1949

Dr. Franklin Spilman Newell, Honorary Surgeon at the Massachusetts General Hospital, died in Boston on March 3, 1949. He was born in Roxbury in 1871, attended the Roxbury Latin School, and graduated from Harvard College in 1892 and from the Harvard Medical School in 1896. He finished his term as House Pupil on the South Surgical Service of the Massachusetts General Hospital the same year, and as House Physician at the Boston Lying-in Hospital in 1897. He entered practice as the assistant of the late Dr. Edward Reynolds, a member of the Massachusetts General Hospital staff, and was appointed to the staff of the Boston Lying-in Hospital and the Gynecological Service of the Boston City Hospital, serving through the various grades up to the position of Chief of Staff in both institutions. He resigned from the Boston City Hospital in 1916 and from the Boston Lying-in Hospital in 1930. Dr. Newell joined the teaching staff of the Department of Obstetrics of the Harvard Medical School soon after graduating from the Boston Lying-in Hospital and became Professor of Clinical Obstetrics in 1918, resigned his position in 1930. and was elected Professor of Clinical Obstetrics, Emeritus, the same year. He was Consultant in Obstetrics at the Massachusetts General and Beth Israel Hospitals, and a trustee of the Boston Lying-in Hospital. He was a fellow of the Massachusetts Medical Society and the American Medical Association, a life fellow of the American Gynecological Society, a senior fellow of the Obstetrical Society of Boston, former fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American Gynecological Club, and a senior member of the Boston Surgical Society. Of the many professional honors accorded Dr. Newell, he valued most highly the presidency of the American Gynecological Society which he held in 1926.







To the Boston Lying-in Hospital Dr. Newell brought the attitude of a trained surgeon. He introduced the use of rubber gloves for pelvic delivery, and he improved the technique and broadened the indications for cesarean section. With the late Dr. E. Granville Crabtree he founded the Urological Clinic, and in collaboration with Dr. Burton E. Hamilton he established one of the first cardiac maternity clinics in the United States. He was among the earliest in this country to alleviate the pains of labor in the first stage by the systematic use of nitrous oxide and oxygen. As an obstetrician he possessed skill, courage, and unflinching judgment; as a gynecologist he was a direct and rapid operator who knew what to do and what to avoid, and his patients profited in consequence.

Dr. Newell belonged to the old school of joint practitioners and teachers who treated their younger colleagues with friendship and consideration. Few men in medical Boston in the last four decades have been held by their juniors in such respect, admiration, and affection. He taught the priceless humanistic aspects of practice by example. He allowed nothing to interfere with the obligation to his patients; their welfare was always foremost in his mind. Of a forthright nature, he detested pretense in others, and his professional and personal life was marked by honor and by honesty.

- Frederick Irving











JAMES W. TOUMEY, JR.  
1900 - 1950

Dr. Toumey died in the New England Baptist Hospital  
October 18, 1950 after a progressive illness.

Born September 14, 1900 in New Haven, Connecticut, Dr. Toumey received his degree of B. A. from Yale University in 1922 and M. D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia in 1926. Then followed a surgical internship in the Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York, three years' of training as an intern at the New York Orthopedic Dispensary and Hospital, and thereafter a Fellowship at this same institution, for which in 1933 he received the degree of D. M. Sc. in Orthopedic Surgery from Columbia University. From 1933 to 1938 he was on duty at this hospital as a Staff surgeon.

In 1938 Dr. Toumey became a member of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the Lahey Clinic and continued on that Service until his death, except for absence on active duty with the Navy from March 1942 to December 1945, when he resumed inactive duty status with the rank of Commander.

Dr. Toumey was on the Staff of the New England Baptist and of the New England Deaconess Hospital in Orthopedic Surgery, and a consultant in the same field at the United States Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Massachusetts.

In addition to membership in this Society, he was a member of the American Orthopedic Association, The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, The Interurban Orthopedic Club, the American Medical Association, and a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons.





Dr. Toumey was a skilled operator and possessed of an alert mind together with a sense of humor and never failing desire to do his best. He is sorely missed by his many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Noel, a daughter Eleanor, and a son Jimmy.

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WALTER S. LEVENSON

1897 - 1950

Dr. Walter S. Levenson was born in Boston in 1897, attended the Boston Latin School, Harvard College and Harvard Medical School, and trained in surgery under Dr. John Erdmann at the New York Postgraduate Hospital and at the surgical clinics of Vienna and Budapest.

His professional life was spent in Boston, where he became a member of the staffs of the Faulkner, Newton-Wellesley, Cambridge, Boston Floating and Beth Israel Hospitals. The major portion of his time was given to the Floating Hospital and to the Beth Israel. In the course of his work at these institutions he became instructor in surgery at both the Tufts College Medical School and the Harvard Medical School. At the Beth Israel Hospital he became Assistant Visiting Surgeon and his responsibilities included a special assignment to pediatric surgery and the directorship of the Surgical Out-Patient Department.

He entered the Navy at the outset of our participation in World War II and reached the rank of Commander. He was assigned to the Pacific Theater where he earned a citation with bronze star medal for conspicuous service in supervising the care of casualties in the Phillippine area. Upon return to civilian life he resumed private practice and his hospital work and was elected to the presidency of the Greater Boston Medical Society.

Walter Levenson's greatest professional satisfaction derived from clinical teaching at the bedside and in the operating room. He was endlessly patient in discussing problems of diagnosis with house staff and students and in assisting men in training at the operating table. In recent years he enjoyed adding the Harvard third year elective course in dog surgery to his teaching duties.

He remained actively at work until a very few weeks before his death so that his patients, friends and colleagues were unaware of his illness.

Jacob Fine







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